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GERMAN TROOPS WITHIN SIGHT OF TURKISH OUTPOSTS: LONDON TAKES SERIOUS VIEW OF REPORT

A SERIOUS VIEW IS BEING TAKEN IN LONDON OF THE REPORT THAT GERMAN TROOPS ARE WITHIN SIGHT OF THE TURKISH OUTPOSTS, STATES A MESSAGE FROM SYDNEY, AND DEVELOPMENTS ARE EXPECTED WITHIN THE NEXT 24 HOURS.

WHILE THE ACTUAL SITUATION IN THE BALKANS IS CONFUSED, IT IS CLEAR THAT THE GERMANS WILL BRING THE MAXIMUM PRESSURE TO BEAR ON GREECE IN THE NEXT FEW DAYS. THE OFFICIAL GERMAN NEWS AGENCY HAS ALREADY BROADCAST THE TERMS OF AN ULTIMATUM TO GREECE.

A broadcast from Ankara stated that the nation's cardinal policy is to preserve its independence. It is felt in Turkey that this policy has been menaced by the taking over by Germany of Rumania and Bulgaria.

Contents Of Nazi Fuehrer's Message To President Inonu To Be Revealed

"Turkey will take action at the moment when she can make the most use of her army and her geographical position," declared the Ankara radio.

The Turkish Parliament is to meet today (Monday) to consider the talks which took place between the Turkish Government and Mr. Anthony Eden and General Sir John Dill. It is also expected that the contents of Herr Hitler's note to the President will be revealed at this meeting.

Ultimatum To Greece

SOFIA, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—A German ultimatum to Greece can be expected in a week or less. That was the impression prevailing here yesterday and it is thought likely that Greece would be given 24 hours in which to accede to the demand that

She makes peace with Italy, breaks off relations with Britain, amends her frontiers with Bulgaria to the latter's advantage, cedes bases such as Salonika to Germany and completely demobilises her army.

Some seven German divisions are now taking up positions on the Greek frontier and meanwhile, troop displacements are taking place in Rumania.

Two divisions, one fully motorised, have entrained at Vienna for Rumania during the first three days of last week.

NOTE HANDED

The German Minister in Athens is reported to have handed a Note to the Greek Prime Minister and yet another report states that German troops have crossed the Greek frontier, states a London message.

The reports are not confirmed and the movement of troops is unofficially denied in Berlin.—(Special)

PRESERVATION OF LANGUAGE

The Danish Prime Minister, in a speech in Copenhagen, states a London message, expressed sympathy with the Dutch wage earners. "I believe in the preservation of our language, our King, our flag and our institutions," he added.—(Special)

Today's News Summary

AN UNCONFIRMED REPORT states that German troops have already crossed the Greek frontier and that the German Minister in Athens has presented a Note to the Prime Minister of Greece. That the Greeks will not consider an armistice with the Italians is shown by the fact that another offensive has just been completed with marked success and for the second day in succession over 1,000 prisoners were taken.

AN ITALIAN SHIP, described as being used as a commerce raider, was sunk by a cruiser of the New Zealand Squadron in the Indian Ocean. As a result 11 officers and 89 men are prisoners of war. The cruiser was H.M.S. Leander commanded by Capt. R. H. Bevan.

AFTER A DEBATE lasting 17 days, the Lease and Lend Bill has been passed by the Senate and is expected to be signed by President Roosevelt at the White House today. The Bill gives Mr. Roosevelt wide powers to aid Britain and her Allies and the help is meant for Britain, Greece and China.

LONDON HAD A HEAVY raid on Saturday night. One bomb fell directly on a restaurant where dancing was in progress. Many dancers were caught under the debris but they were all extricated safely before midnight. Soldiers assisted in the rescue work.

GENERALISSIMO CHIANG Kai-shek has clarified the Chinese Government's attitude towards the Communist issue in a statement made before the People's Political Council in Chungking.

YUGOSLAVS DISMAYED

GOVERNMENT IN VERY DELICATE POSITION

BELGRADE, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—Undoubtedly the people of Yugoslavia are dismayed at the successes which Germany's "military fist" diplomacy has scored in the Balkans, and the Yugoslav Government is in a very delicate position.

For the past 48 hours, Belgrade had been seething with political and diplomatic activity and the Prince Regent received a large number of prominent people, including members of the Yugoslav General Staff.

A statement issued by the combined Opposition parties on Friday voices the genuine anxiety of the people over the decision the Government may finally take.

WILL NOT SIGN

Meanwhile, responsible circles still believe that Yugoslavia will not be asked to sign the Three-Power Pact and would not do so if asked, but the likelihood of Yugoslavia publicly declaring friendship for the Axis remains.

The situation can be summed up under two heads, firstly, the deep pro-British sympathy of the people who are fully prepared to fight rather than submit to the German yoke, and secondly, the very delicate position of the Government in the face of insistent German pressure.

Attitude Of Russia

Political circles are not in agreement on the Russian attitude to the Balkan situation, stated a message from Saigon yesterday. One point is clear and that is that the Russian disapproval of the Nazi invasion of Bulgaria may be regarded as only a gesture.

Is this gesture a blank cheque for Germany, or a blank cheque for Turkey? asks the Saigon message. Russian broadcast, however, appeared to treat it with great importance.

Mystery still surrounds Herr Hitler's message to Turkey, continues the Saigon message and asks in the same way. Has Herr Hitler threatened Turkey or has he asked for the maintenance of Turkish neutrality?

In reference to Yugoslavia the Saigon message declared that an non-aggression pact between Germany and Yugoslavia would be signed on Tuesday.—(Special)

FURTHER GLORY WON BY N.Z. SQUADRON

Further glory has been won by the New Zealand Squadron through H. M. S. LEANDER (Capt. R. H. Bevan) which sank an Italian ship of 3,667 tons, which was being used as a commerce raider in the Indian Ocean, states a London message.

Eleven officers and 89 men, including five wounded, were picked up by the Leander and they are now prisoners of war.

The Leander, of the Achilles and Ajax type, victors of the Graf Spee, is of 7,270 tons with eight 6-inch guns and a number of smaller guns. She also carries aircraft. Launched in 1931 the Leander was transferred to the New Zealand Government in 1937.

In the action against the Italian ship, which was the Ramb I, the Leander sustained no damage or casualties to herself.

FAST SHIP

The Admiralty communiqué states: "A fast Italian merchant ship armed with four 4.7 guns and was acting as a commerce raider, has been caught in the Indian Ocean by H. M. S. Leander."

"The Italian ship was Ramb I, of 181 knots speed, and owned by the Italian Government."

"She was flying the Red Ensign when intercepted by the Leander."

"Ramb I was being ordered to stop when she hoisted the Italian colours and opened fire on the Leander with guns mounted on the fore-castle and poop."

"The Leander at once replied and she had fired five salvoes when Ramb I struck her flag."

UNKNOWN CAUSES

An Italian communiqué says: "A warship of medium tonnage

Lease And Lend Bill Passed By Senate By Big Majority

Going To White House For Formal Signature Of President Roosevelt

THE LEASE AND LEND BILL, WHICH WILL GIVE PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT WIDE POWERS TO AID BRITAIN AND HER ALLIES, was passed by the Senate by a big majority after a debate lasting 17 days, states a London message.

The most lively day was Friday when there was an 11-hour session packed full of amendments.

The Bill will now return to the House of Representatives to receive formal acceptance of the changes made by the Senate after which the Bill will go to the White House today for the signature of Mr. Roosevelt.—(Special)

Arsenal Of Democracy

In a broadcast from London yesterday, MR. CYRIL LAKIN, well-known B.B.C. commentator, said that the passing of the Bill will definitely make the United States the arsenal of democracy. "We do know that when the United States takes action it is united action," he added. "The dictators now know where America stands."

One American commentator wrote that it was better for the United States to help Britain to control the Atlantic now than to fight for it with Hitler later.

FIRST ACT

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—It is generally assumed that President Roosevelt's first act after he has signed the Lease and Lend Bill would be to ship considerable quantities of war material, not being used by the fighting services, and if there are not ships enough to carry the goods means would be found to secure them, including legislation permitting the maritime Commission to charter the 37 Danish vessels in American ports which at present cannot be used because of the impossibility of securing insurance from private insurance companies.

It also would not surprise some quarters here to see old destroyers sent to Britain as new ships come into service but of this there is no confirmation.

What is certain is that Mr. Roosevelt is anxiously waiting to help the democracies immediately the Bill becomes law.

AMENDMENT DEFEATED

One of the first acts of the Senate when it resumed the debate yesterday was to defeat the amendment prohibiting the transfer of modern naval vessels and aircraft, except planes under construction which could be replaced within six months.

Some Senators regarded the amendment as the Opposition's last major bid to restrict the President's powers under the Bill.

TURNING POINT

"The passing of the Lease and Lend Bill by the United States Senate, as we in Britain see it, is a turning point—possibly the turning point—in this war," said a B.B.C. commentator in his broadcast from London yesterday on the

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GRANARIES ARE FULL

AGRICULTURE'S PART IN TOTAL DEFENCE OF DEMOCRACY

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).

President Roosevelt declared that agriculture is fully prepared to play its part in the total defence of democracy.

In a radio address last night in celebration of the anniversary of the United States Administration's farm programme, the President said:—

"Our granaries are full, our stores of food and fibre are adequate to meet the needs at home, and the needs of our friends in other lands now fighting for their existence—fighting on behalf of all democratic forms of government and fighting against world control by the dictators."

FARM FRONT

"The country is glad that there are no bottlenecks in our agricultural production. The farm front is ready for any demand of total defence."

On the general question of the future of democracy, President Roosevelt emphasised the inescapable nature of the "collective responsibility" of those living in democratic countries.

"We may discharge that responsibility unwisely," the President said, "but we cannot escape the consequences of our choice."

FOOT CRUSHED

Suffering from a crushed right foot as a result of an accident on board a ship, Wong Chuen-loy, 34, was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital yesterday.

NO MORE WEATHER REPORTS TO BE MADE PUBLIC

It was officially announced yesterday that no future weather reports would be issued to the public from the Royal Observatory in Hong Kong.

An announcement to this effect was broadcast from Z. B. W. yesterday.

LAMPSON FETES EDEN, DILL

Mr. Anthony Eden, Foreign Secretary, accompanied by General Sir John Dill, Chief of the Imperial General Staff, was the guest of honour at a dinner given by the British Ambassador to Egypt, Sir Miles Lampson, on Saturday night.

General Sir Archibald Wavell, Commander-in-Chief of the Middle East, was also present, states a London message.—(Special)

ROOSEVELT TO ASK FOR \$250 MILLION

President Roosevelt is to ask Congress for \$250,000,000 to carry out the provisions of the Bill as soon as he has signed it, states a London message.—(Special)

Greeks Take Over 1,000 Prisoners For Second Day In Succession

The success of the new Greek offensive operations has been complete and for the second day in succession a batch of prisoners, numbering over a thousand, have been taken on the Albanian front, states a London message.

The attacks were launched simultaneously on various sectors. In another sector on the central front similar success was achieved. In this sector the Greeks advanced and attacked throughout the day.—(Special)

An indication that the Greeks will not consider an armistice with the Italians is stated to be shown in the fact that they have just completed a successful land offensive.

A memorial service for the late General Metaxas was held in Athens yesterday, states a London message.—(Special)

OPEN LETTER TO HERR HITLER

A Greek newspaper has addressed an open letter to Herr Hitler saying:—

"Why does Germany want to attack Greece? Hitler may perhaps ask, what about the British? But the British were not brought into Greece by the Greeks. It was the Italians who brought them. How shall we send away those who have fought in the air and have given their life and blood on our soil."

Listen Hitler. In this world certain dishonourable deeds are done but are never done by the Greeks.

"Greece will fight." As Greece has taught the whole world how to live so she will teach it once again, if need be, how to die.

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Chinese Shot Dead In New Territories

A Chinese, Pun Yiu was shot dead by Indian soldiers at Tsun Wan about 11 p.m. on Saturday when the deceased, with two others, allegedly trespassed in a prohibited area.

The incident occurred at a wolf-tram hill in Tsun Wan, where several Indians were on duty. They saw three men walking in a suspicious manner.

A few shots were fired and the deceased was hit in the legs. He tried to continue his flight but succumbed.

The body was removed to the mortuary.



SOUTH CHINA NEARER TO LEAGUE TITLE

Convincing Victory Over Kwong Wah

SOUTH CHINA ADVANCED A STEP NEARER TO THE SENIOR LEAGUE CHAMPIONSHIP YESTERDAY AT CAROLINE HILL when they defeated KWONG WAH by the convincing margin of five goals to one, after leading by two clear goals at the interval.

The slippery state of the ground and the patches of water were not very conducive to good soccer but nevertheless there were moments when both sides played football of a high calibre. On the whole, the winners were a better balanced team while the losers did not impress as a unit.

South China's main strength lay in their intermediate line which was seldom penetrated, and if they were beaten they had two strong backs in Tsang Chung-wan and Tsang Kam-hung. Their wing halves had the opposing wingers so well checked that little danger could emanate from them.

Kwong Wah's attack worked well together up to a point but were invariably robbed when in the danger zone, Lee Yan-leung being bottled up by Lam Tak-poi. The halves were very weak, especially Cheong Wing and Chung Kim-fai who allowed Lee Shek-yau and Lee Tack-y, respectively, too much latitude.

PROMISING START

Kwong Wah started in a promising manner, Lee Yan-leung testing Tam Kwan-kon with a hard drive, while at the other end Lee Tack-y sent in a terrific grounder which was blocked by Leung. Lee Wai-tong, after drawing two defenders, sent CHAN TAK-FAI through to draw first blood after ten minutes play.

ADVERTISEMENT

THE HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FIRST EXTRA RACE MEETING will be held, weather permitting, on SATURDAY, 15th March, 1941, (postponed from Saturday, 8th March, 1941), commencing at 2.00 p.m.

The first Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m.

MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

No One without a badge will be admitted to the Members' Enclosure. Such must be worn throughout the duration of each meeting in such a manner as to be readily identified.

Badges admitting Non-Members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$5.00 for Gentlemen and \$3.00 for Ladies (both including tax) are obtainable through the SECRETARY upon the personal or written application of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all visitors introduced by him, and for payment of all bills, etc.

The Secretary's Office, 1st floor, Exchange Building (Tel. 27794) will close at 11.45 a.m. Tickets are obtainable at the Club House provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Box (Telephone 21920).

No children or amahs will be admitted to either Enclosure.

PUBLIC ENCLOSURE

The price of Admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1.00, including Tax, for all Persons, including Ladies, and is payable at the Gate. Soldiers and Sailors in Uniform are admitted Half Price.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN,
Secretary.

Hong Kong, 10th March, 1941.

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LEAGUE TABLES TO DATE

FIRST DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
S. China	19	15	2	2	58	22	32
Eastern	19	14	3	2	67	30	31
Sing Tao	19	13	3	3	48	22	29
Middlesex	19	11	2	6	43	37	24
Kowloon	17	5	4	8	39	32	14
Police	17	6	1	10	27	43	13
R. Navy	18	4	5	9	42	47	13
K. Wah	19	4	4	11	40	61	10
R. Scots	17	5	2	10	32	44	12
St. Joseph's	19	3	3	13	20	49	9
Club	15	4	1	10	29	49	9

SECOND DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
R.E.	21	17	3	1	86	24	37
R.A.S.C.	22	17	2	3	105	32	36
Sing Tao	19	12	3	3	58	22	27
Middlesex	21	12	3	6	64	41	27
S. China	22	11	5	6	61	31	27
Kit Chee	22	10	3	9	43	54	23
R. Scots	22	10	2	10	49	35	22
30th R.A.	21	9	4	8	53	52	21
R. Navy	22	9	2	11	49	62	20
K. Wah	22	7	4	11	39	63	18
R.A.O.C.	23	7	4	12	37	55	18
Police	21	5	1	15	37	77	11
Club	22	2	2	18	22	100	10
Kowloon	19	0	4	15	18	86	4

THIRD DIVISION

	P.	W.	D.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
R.A.F.	19	13	4	2	55	22	30
Signals	19	13	4	2	49	19	30
24th R.A.	20	9	5	6	40	25	23
38th R.A.	17	10	2	5	56	24	22
35th R.A.	19	9	4	6	44	39	22
12th R.A.	17	8	4	4	41	25	21
7th R.A.	19	8	4	7	34	32	20
R.A.M.C.	20	9	2	9	38	57	20
R.E.	19	9	1	9	51	32	19
Internat'l	19	7	3	9	43	47	17
20th R.A.	18	6	2	10	28	45	14
Shell	17	1	1	14	16	63	5
A.S.A.	20	0	1	19	6	53	1

MATCHES POSTPONED

The Second Division match between Police and Sing Tao and the Third Division match between Shell and A.F. Force, which were scheduled to have been played at Boundary Street yesterday, were postponed owing to the unfit condition of the ground.

Eastern Too Strong For The Saints

Despite adverse weather conditions, three matches were played in the Senior Division of the League on Saturday. In a match marred by many petty infringements the two Shield semi-finalists, Eastern and St. Joseph's, engaged in a hard-fought encounter. The other two matches resulted in wins for Middlesex and Navy.

After holding Eastern for a greater part of the game St. Joseph's fell away and lost by four goals to one at Caroline Hill. In the first half play was of a good standard but tempers became frayed in the latter stages.

STOLID DEFENCE
The Saints had a very stolid defence where Hussain, Bowen and Leonard did yeoman service. The forward line, however, could not combine together effectively and the chief danger came from the right where Santos and Cruz struck up a good understanding.

Eastern's attack again gave a wonderful exhibition of soccer and backed up by a steady defence proved a shade too strong for the losers.

After Saints narrowly missed, scoring twice, Eastern settled down and Hau Ching-to put his side in the lead. Sammy Tsang brought off a penalty from Cheung Kam-hoi. After resumption C. T. Tsao put Eastern further ahead but Saints fought back and reduced arrears through Gomes from the "spot." Play deteriorated after this and further goals were scored by Hau Ching-to and V. K. Hui.

EASTERN—Lau Hing-hoi; Ng Kee-cheung, Y. S. Yen; Qui Yung-fok, Hsu King-shing, Loo Wai-kuen; Chung Yung-sun, Chang Kam-hoi, V. K. Hui, C. T. Tsao and Hau Ching-to.

ST. JOSEPH'S—Tsang; Hussain, Bowen; Castilho, Leonard, Lau Wing-kwong; Cruz, Santos, Roach, Gomes and All.

DIHARDS' EASY WIN
Continuing their winning vein Middlesex comfortably beat Police at Boundary Street by five clear

Colony Lawn Tennis Tourney

TSUI BROTHERS TO PARTICIPATE

Most of the Colony's leading tennis players, including the Tsui brothers, have entered the Colony Lawn Tennis Championship organised by the Hongkong Cricket Club.

The following are the entries:—
Men's Singles Championship:
Capt. R. E. Guest, M. Pagh, C. H. R. Oxide, T. J. Gould, A. Crawford, O. Rumjahn, I. M. A. Razack, Kenneth Lo, Lt. Shields Goodman, H. D. Rumjahn, S. A. Rumjahn, K. H. Ip, Lu Tak-cheuk, Lee Wai-tong, Wei Chung, S. T. Chau, O. Umehani, W. J. Howard, S. Y. Tong, George Choa, Pang Oi-lam, Paul Kong, C. S. Lee, Ho Ka-lau, Tsui Yan-pui, Tsui Wai-pui, Fung Yee-pui and C. Dunn.

Men's Doubles Championship:
Capt. R. E. Guest and B. Lay, F. K. Kwok and T. E. Ling, M. Pagh and Lt. Shields Goodman, C. H. R. Oxide and Dr. A. H. Barwell, T. C. Monaghan and T. J. Gould, B. O. M. Deane and A. T. Dow, I. M. A. Razack and A. R. Minu, Kenneth Lo and Lee Ming, W. C. Hung and E. C. Fincher, H. D. Rumjahn and S. A. Rumjahn, Lu Tak-cheuk and Lee Wai-tong, Luk Ding-cheung and Luk Chun-cheung, Wei Chung and S. T. Chau, T. Imura and O. Umehani, W. J. Howard and A. Kitchell, Lt. J. S. Theobald and Capt. P. J. Skipwith, Ho Ka-lau and K. H. Yip, George Choa and A. V. Remedios, Pang Oi-lam and Lee Kai-ming, T. A. Martin and T. G. Matthias, G. W. Sewell and D. M. MacDougall, A. H. Harris and H. J. Armstrong, Tsui Yan-pui and Tsui Wai-pui, Paul Kong and Fung Yee-pui, and B. Agafuroff and I. Agafuroff.

goals. Working better together as a unit the "Diehards" thoroughly deserved to win as the Police was seldom in the picture as a team.

Howlett was the only forward to catch the eye but he lacked support. Blackburn and Chan Kwong-yu put up a bold front but found the "Diehards" front line in their best form, Coomer and Marable being very conspicuous with their runs down the wings.

Middlesex always had the upper hand and before the teams changed ends were two up through Marable and Coomer. After resumption "Diehards" continued to press and Saw (2) and Sheehan contributed to the score.

POLICE—Tsang Wing; Blackburn and Chan Kwong-yu; Hui Fok-yuen, Gough and Pope; Moss; Tsai Pak-chun, Chan Tak-fai, Howlett and Ferrier.

MIDDLESEX—Jackson; Freshwater and Riches; Parker, Bright and Thomas; Coomer, Pearson, Sheehan, Saw and Marable.

KOWLOON BOW TO NAVY
Weakened by the absence of several regulars, Kowloon on their own ground, went down to Navy by four goals to nil, after conceding a two-goal lead to the winners.

Navy were mostly on the offensive throughout and with their attack functioning in good order were seldom themselves being pressed. Roughley and O'Regan were a strong pair of backs and easily dealt with the few sporadic raids while Kowloon was best served by Lamb and Ulrich in defence.

Hendy and Le Page scored in the first half and Skinner and Layhe netted in the second.

KOWLOON—Lapsley; Lamb and Whitfield; Maxwell, Gordon-James and Ulrich; Tomashevsky, Jorge, Silva, Pereira and Mathias.

NAVY—Giff; Roughley and O'Regan; Layhe, Hazard and Hall; Anderson, LePage, Hendy, Barber, and Skinner.

OTHER LEAGUE GAMES
The results of other league matches are as follows:—
SECOND DIVISION
Middlesex 2, R.A.O.C. 3.
S. China 7, Navy 2.
R.A.S.C. 8, Kwong Wah 2.
30th R.A. 5, Club 0.

THIRD DIVISION
R.A.M.C. 0, Signals 5.
20th R.A. 1, Internat'l 4.
24th R.A. 1, 7th R.A. 1.

CLUB RETAINS BLARNEY STONE SHIELD

Hongkong Football Club won the Seven-a-Side Rugby Tournament for the Blarney Stone Shield on Saturday, defeating 8th Heavy Regt. "A" 21-0 in the final. It was Club's second win in successive years and their eighth triumph in 10 years.

The results were:—

QUARTER-FINAL
Club "A" beat Civil Service by two tries (6 pts.) to nil, after leading 3-0 at the change-over. Bidwell and van Leeuwen scored.

Royal Engineers beat Royal Scots "A" by three tries (9 pts.) to nil after leading 6-0 at the interval. Foley and Burrell (twice) scored.

Butterfield and Swire beat Middlesex "B" by three tries to nil after a scoreless first half. Gratton, Castleton and Godfrey scored.

8th Heavy Regt. "A" beat Tamar and Small Ships "A" by a goal (5 pts.) to a try (3 pts.) after leading 5-0 at the interval. March scored the try for 8th Heavy "A" and Cook converted. Paul scored for Navy.

SEMI-FINAL
Club "A" beat Royal Engineers by a goal and two tries (11 pts.) to a try (3 pts.) after leading 3-0 at the interval. Van Leeuwen, Thomson and Bidwell scored for Club, the latter converting his own try, and Davis for the Sappers.

8th Heavy Regiment "A" required a minute of extra time to eliminate Butterfield and Swire, March scoring the winning try.

FINAL
Club "A" outlasted 8th Heavy Regiment "A" in the final, retaining the Blarney Stone Shield by three goals and two tries (21 pts.) to nil after leading 6-0 at the interval. Bidwell (2), Stewart and Needham (2) scored the tries, Thomson converting three of them.

TEAMS
The following were the teams reaching the Quarter-final:—

CLUB "A"—H. van Leeuwen, D. H. Stewart, H. D. Bidwell, J. M. Thomson, C. F. Needham, A. F. Walkden (Capt.) and R. E. Heasman.

ROYAL ENGINEERS:—Spr. Jones, Cpl. Pictou, Cpl. Burrell, Cpl. Foley (Capt.), Spr. Martin, L/Sgt. Davis and L/Sgt. Sheldrake.

CIVIL SERVICE:—A. J. G. Taylor (Capt.), J. C. Charter, T. O. Morrison, J. Redman, B. Hynes, F. Burford and E. W. R. Hackett.

ROYAL SCOTS "A":—Pte. Par. naby, Sgt. Stephenson, Capt. Paterson, Sgt. Nealon, 2/Lt. Miller, Cpl. Sutherland and 2/Lt. Pinkerton (Capt.).

B. & S.:—A. G. Gratton, V. G. H. Upton, J. Hutchison, L. J. Money, I. M. Macrae, R. G. Castleton (Capt.) and G. B. Godfrey.

8TH HEAVY REGT. "A":—L/Bdr. Richards, Sgt. March, Capt. Skipwith, Capt. Hook (Capt.), Gnr. Cook, L/Bdr. McDermott and L/Bdr. Turner.

MIDDLESEX "B":—Pte. Thomson (80), Pte. Thompson (39), Sgt. Sturdy, Pte. Samuels, Lt. Willoughby (Capt.), Sgt. Burrell and Pte. Gillam.

TAMAR & SMALL SHIPS "A":—Tel. Honywill, A/Ldg. Tel. Paul, Lt. Carter (Capt.), A/Ldg. Tel. Bowden, S.B.A. Flynn, C.P.O. Wu, King and P.O. Wilson.

CONCERT FOR CHARITY
A concert was given by the St. John's Hall Music Club at the Great Hall of the University on Saturday night in aid of the Chinese National Red Cross, the Hongkong Food Kitchen and other charity organisations.

Contributors to the programme were a 32-piece stringed and instrumental orchestra, composed of University students, which rendered 11 selections under the conductorship of Mr. J. R. M. Smith.

Mr. P. W. Chao, who played a violin solo, accompanied by Mrs. P. P. Chao at the piano, Mr. Smith, who rendered a piano solo, and others.

VALLEY TRAINING TIMES

The following times were clocked during training gallops held at Happy Valley on Saturday morning:—

	Dis- tance	1st Qr.	2nd Qr.	3rd Qr.	4th Qr.	5th Qr.	Last Qr.
Tropical Love	1	32.3	1.07.3	1.36.1	2.05		28.4
Night Express & Lancashire Lass	1	35	1.08	1.38	2.09		31
Far View	1	35.2	1.05	1.32.3			27.3
Starry Returns	1	39	1.12	1.45	2.13		28
Rowan	1	34	1.06	1.43.2	2.11.3		28.1
High Hat	1	34	1.06.3	1.39	2.07.2		28.2
Riverside	1	38.3	1.12	1.43.3	2.13.2		28.4
London & Dashing	14	37.2	1.10.2	1.40	2.09.2	2.37.4	28.2
Beauty	1	38	1.08	1.41	2.09		28
Maple Star	1	38	1.20	1.54	2.26		32
National Courage	1	39	1.12.3	1.44.2	2.15.1		30.4
Eve of Deception	1	43.2	1.21	1.55	2.25.4		30.4
Starlight	1	35	1.08	1.39	2.08.3		31.3
Iron Belle & War Tax	1	30.1	59.2	1.39.3			30.1
Strathalbyn & Senorita	1	32	1.03.2	1.33			29.3
Seal Rider	1	39	1.12	1.43	2.12		29
Sports Lady & Trade	1	37.2	1.12	1.43			31
A Roaring Time	1	36.2	1.09	1.39			28.1
Wonderful Scheme	1	34.2	1.05.1	1.33.2			28.1
Franklin	1	32	1.06.3	1.39.4	2.09.4		30
National Reform	1	36.1	1.12.2	1.44	2.12.3		28.3
Amusement Tax	1	40	1.15.2	1.48	2.20		32
Navylight	1	35	1.10.1	1.43	2.15.2		32.2
Odeon	1	31.3	1.03.2	1.30.4	2.00		29.1
Corsair & Tobaccoship	1	38	1.11	1.43			32
Thirty-Six & Forty-Six	1	36	1.09	1.40	2.09		29
Criffel	1	34	1.13	1.42.3			29.3
Sydney Diamond	1	33	1.09.3	1.40	2.12.3		32.3
Lovely View	1	30.2	1.00	1.29			29
Wayworth	1	35.4	1.09.4	1.43.1	2.13		29.4
The Koala Bear	1	37	1.13	1.45	2.15.4		30.4
Prairie View	1	36	1.13.3	1.47.2	2.16.4		29.2
Fleetwing	1	39	1.15	1.48	2.18		30
Daylight	1	31	1.02.1	1.30.1			28
Cockleol	1	33	1.03.4	1.32.2			28.3
Marsh Warbler	14	38	1.16	1.52	2.27.2	2.56	28.3
Viceroy	1	41	1.16.3	1.48	2.16		28
Harmony Star	1	37.2	1.03.1	1.41	2.09		28
Buckfastleigh	1	33	1.06	1.38	2.06		28
Gloaming	1	34.1	1.08	1.35			27
King's Welcome	1	33.3	1.06	1.37	2.06.2		29.2
Bandito & National	1	32	1.04	1.35	2.03.2		28.2
Blessings	1	33.2	1.10	1.38	2.06.4		28.4
Corriedou	1	34.2	1.07.2	1.38	2.06.1		28.1
Misty View	1	35	1.05.2	1.35.2	2.08		31.3
Starlight View	1	28.4	57.2	1.28.2			31
Blue Gown	1	35.4	1.03	1.34			26

YUGOSLAVIA'S POSITION IN THE BALKAN DRAMA

Nazi Diplomatic Pressure Now Centred On Belgrade

LONDON, March 9 (Reuter)—It is understood that the Yugoslav Government are making their views on the Balkan situation known this week-end to Britain and Russia, writes Reuter's Diplomatic correspondent.

The correspondent adds that upon the contents of these communications events in the coming week may depend. Yugoslavia has an important role in the Balkan drama as she occupies an important strategic position defending the Vardar Valley which gives access to Salonika.

Germany may, therefore, be waiting to see the effect of their diplomatic pressure upon Yugoslavia before making any military moves themselves.

Reuter's correspondent in Belgrade says that Yugoslavia is continuing to call up men for the Spring manoeuvres.

The correspondent stresses that the mobilisation is not by any means general "and probably does not affect more than half a million men."

DRIVE IMMINENT?

While Wilhelmstrasse officials (quoted by the Berlin correspondent of the Swiss newspaper Basler Nachrichten) stressed that it will be some time before the German troops in Bulgaria are in a position to attack Greece, messages from Sofia, quoting neutral observers there, continue to suggest the Nazis may launch an offensive against Eastern Macedonia and Thrace within 48 hours.

Meanwhile, the only definite news is that the Germans are speeding up the entry of their forces into Bulgaria, while simultaneously the Bulgarian Council of Ministers has ordered the militarisation of all workers in harbours and railways.

FANWISE MOVEMENT

Actual German troop movements in Bulgaria are being carried out to the south and southeast, spread fanwise to the Macedonian and Turkish frontiers.

The Germans have taken over the telephone and telegraph systems in Bulgaria, and neutral correspondents for the first time in 36 hours were allowed to telephone news abroad as long as it was not military information.

While the Italian official news agency yesterday denied rumours of an armistice with Greece, Ger-

man quarters in Berlin said the Nazis would invade Greece if she refuses to make peace with Rome.

SOBRANJE MEETING

Members of the Bulgarian Cabinet, says Reuter's Sofia correspondent, attended a meeting of their supporters in the Sobranje last night when M. Popoff, the Foreign Minister, whose imminent resignation has been reported, made a statement on the events leading to the adoption of Bulgaria to the Tripartite Pact.

The Minister of War also addressed the meeting on the state of the army.

The Deputies are reported to have expressed their confidence both in the Government's foreign policy and in the efficiency of the army, for the purposes of defence.

AMERICAN COMMENT

NEW YORK, Mar. 9 (Reuter)—"The new order" in Europe is being inflicted upon helpless peoples by methods so shameful that they must be kept secret," says Raymond Clapper, writing in the New York World Telegram.

"Officials in Washington," he continues, "have received information as to the frightful methods used in the destruction of Poland. The Germans undertook a programme of deporting 1,000,000 Polish labourers to Germany. This is regarded by American officials as slavery of the most brutal medieval type."

EXTERMINATION PROCESS

"The Germans also have undertaken to exterminate the intellectual classes in Poland."

"Reports of physical atrocities have been received but officials discount them in the absence of reliable witness verification. They are interested in the greater atrocity of the deliberate murder of a nation and the transformation of a people into a mass of slaves."

Mr. Matsuoka Invited To Berlin

DRAUGHTY HOLES IN AXIS PACT

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter)—At the invitation of the Reich Government, the Japanese Foreign Minister, Mr. Matsuoka, will shortly arrive in Berlin for personal talks on co-operation between the Tripartite Pact powers, it was stated in Berlin yesterday.

Chief interest in Far Eastern affairs in the United States now centres in the visit of Mr. Matsuoka, the Japanese Foreign Minister, to Berlin.

It is thought to be more likely that Japan's account than at Herr Hitler's dictation.

According to reports reaching New York, the apparent inequalities of the Berlin Tokyo pact are probably the chief motivating reason.

DRAUGHTY HOLES

While the Pact calls on Japan to go to German assistance if anyone else attacks her, it calls for no German assistance no matter who might attack Japan.

It is thought that Tokyo now feels there are draughty holes in the protective garment of the Axis pact, hence the necessity for the unprecedented suggestion that Japan's Foreign Minister leave the country for Europe at a time of obvious crisis.

COLONEL DONOVAN IN EIRE

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter)—Col. Donovan spent an hour with Mr. de Valera before the luncheon party, which included Cardinal MacRory, Archbishop of Armagh. Col. Donovan flew back to London in the afternoon.

German Morale Hard Hit By Devastating British Raids

NEW YORK, Mar. 9 (Reuter)—David Lawrence, writing in the New York Sun, quotes extensively from a letter from a neutral diplomat lately in Berlin describing the deterioration of German morale.

"The German people, especially the workers, are far from being the united force they are supposed to be," the diplomat declares. "Discontent gains ground from the following causes."

"First are the British air raids. Although Berlin as yet not suffered greatly, other cities in Germany, especially in the western provinces, Dusseldorf, Kiel, Kohn, Bremen and Hamburg, have had no peace for months and have suffered great damage."

"In Berlin itself, factories and warehouses have been blown up and burnt. Berlin is especially vulnerable in this respect."

"As the German people have always been assured by Marshal Goering that it was impossible for enemy aircraft to penetrate across their defences, few proper air raid shelters have been provided."

"However, during the three months of our stay in Berlin though there were air raids four or five times a week, the number of British aircraft brought down did not reach 10."

"The moral effect of these air raids is great. Germans, being well-disciplined, wake to the sirens and troop down to cold damp cellars, where they often spend the whole night."

"The four million inhabitants of Berlin, sitting in their cellars, use their time to abuse everything and everybody, and even show admiration for the R.A.F.'s skill in conducting raids across such great distances."

"Another cause of dissatisfaction connected with air raids is that Germans are beginning to realise that their press and propaganda cannot be relied upon, and open scepticism is often expressed."

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QUARTER MILLION GERMANS REPORTED TO BE IN ITALY

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter)—Information reaching me here from reliable sources enables me to give some account of the German occupation of Italy, which is proceeding apace, and of the infiltration of Nazi troops into North Africa, writes the Lisbon correspondent of the London Daily Telegraph.

Latest reports estimate there are 300,000 Nazis in both the Luftwaffe and land forces in Italy. Nearly two-thirds of these, including practically the whole of the land forces, are stated to be based on Naples.

A neutral there a fortnight ago reports there were signs of preparation for embarkation.

Sicily is now virtually a German island, most of the Nazis there being airmen or ground personnel of the Luftwaffe.

On the mainland, from Lombardy to Calabria, the Germans are in possession of a chain of air bases.

But Hitler's real grip on Italy has been achieved by placing German key-men in all ministries and organisations.

ARMOUR'D DIVISIONS

According to my information there are two German light armoured divisions in Tripolitania, whose object is not to attempt to recapture Libya but to endeavour to place a barrier between the British forces and Tunisia should General Wavell decide the time is opportune to push westwards.

The military position in Africa is such that Mussolini has been forced to place the campaign in the hands of a man broken in health who disowned the Duce's leadership and has resigned from the Fascist Party.

After the strong terms in which Graziani denounced his strategy the Duce must have been extremely reluctant to re-appoint him to command. He was compelled to do so by the lack of any other possible commander, all generals approaching his experience and ability having been captured by the British.

Mussolini appealed to Graziani's patriotism and he has returned to Africa but he is a sick man.

WILHELMSHAVEN HEAVILY RAIDED

R.A.F. ACTIVITY LAST WEEK

LONDON, March 9 (Reuter)—Eleven British aircraft are missing from R.A.F. raids over Germany and German-occupied territories during the week ended March 7 which again were on a reduced scale.

Against this, five defending German aircraft were destroyed for certain and six most probably destroyed—the result not being seen owing to low cloud.

Two of the heaviest raids were against the naval docks at Wilhelmshaven (lasting several hours) and Cologne.

Other objectives were Emden, the port of Lorient, naval barracks at Boulogne, Brest and Calais docks and Rotterdam harbour.

There have been many daylight sweeps over the Channel, Northern France, Holland and north-west Germany and night attacks on aerodromes by R.A.F. fighters in which several German aircraft were destroyed or damaged.

Lord Beaverbrook's Fine Gesture

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter)—From April 1, 10 per cent. of the money received for the provision of aircraft will be devoted to benevolent funds or charities of the three fighting services and the merchant marine, the Minister of Aircraft Production, Lord Beaverbrook, announced yesterday.

In a statement, Lord Beaverbrook says: "It is our belief that by doing so we shall interpret the desire of the public to unite gratitude to the valiant defenders of freedom with determination to strengthen the R.A.F. squadron."



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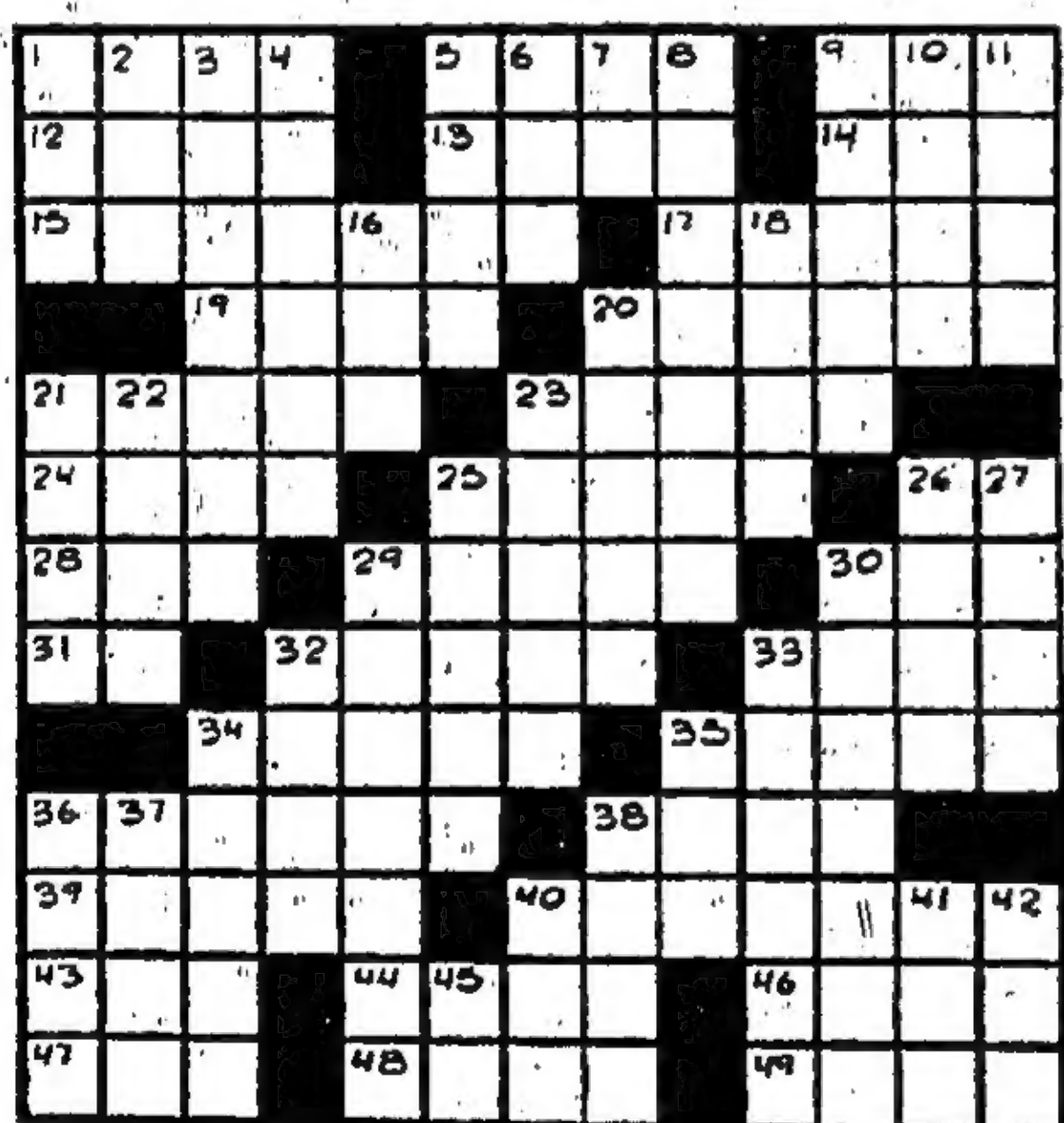
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SOLUTION MONDAY

MAJOR DEFECT IN JAPANESE POLITICS

U.S.A. DIRECTOR RESIGNS

TOKYO, Mar. 9 (Reuter)—Marking the first major defection from the "all-embracing" National Service Association, Mr. Nakano, one of its executive directors, has resigned, says a Japanese report.

Mr. Nakano announced the revival of the Tohoku (Eastern Society) as a political association devoted to "enhancement of the pure Japanese spirit."

Mr. Nakano, who has been an active nationalist, issued a statement in which he denounced the stripping of the "political character" from the National Service Association, which had become an "auxiliary organ of the Government."

MYSTERIOUS PLOTS

Although the political parties have been dissolved in Japan their remnants are still engaged in activities retaining their past character, while some of their members are engaged in deep and mysterious plots, Mr. Nakano declared.

"Some even dare to run counter to the immutable policies which have been decided upon by the issue of an Imperial rescript."

The statement announces Mr. Nakano's intention to serve the nation by "developing a political leadership which will march ahead of the Government."

GRENADES THROWN AT HANKOW BUS

HANKOW, Mar. 9 (Reuter)—Scores narrowly missed death or serious injury when three hand grenades were thrown at a crowded bus by unidentified persons, states a Japanese report.

The grenades missed the bus which was travelling on Chung-nan Road. Two Chinese pedestrians suffered injuries.

The grenades are believed to have been thrown by terrorists, the Japanese report adds. The men escaped.

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Bank Of East Asia Reports Highly Successful Year

Taking into consideration the present disturbed and unsettled conditions in the world, a highly satisfactory year was reported by the Hon. Sir Shouson Chow, Chairman of Directors, when presiding at the 22nd ordinary yearly meeting of the Bank of East Asia, Limited, held at No. 10, Des Voeux Road Central on Saturday afternoon.

Sir Shouson was supported by Messrs. Li Koon-chun, P. K. Kwok, Wong Yun-tong, Chan Ching-shuek, Li Lan-sang, Wong Chu-son (Directors), Kan Tong-po (Chief Manager) and Hon. Mr. Li Tse-fong (Manager).

CHAIRMAN'S SPEECH

Gentlemen, before I proceed with the ordinary business of this meeting, I have to record with deep regret the death of the late Mr. Kan Ying-po which took place on July 11 last year. The late Mr. Kan was one of the founders and a permanent director of this bank and took an active part in its development and growth. As a token of respect to his memory I ask you to rise and stand in silence with me for a while.

The report of the Directors together with the Balance Sheet at December 31, 1940, and the Auditors' Report, having been in your hands for sometime, I will, with your permission, follow the usual procedure and take them as read. The net profit for the year, including the amount brought forward from the previous year, amounts to \$933,870.06, which shows an improvement of nearly \$100,000—as compared with that of the previous year. Taking into consideration the present disturbed and unsettled conditions in the world, I hope shareholders will agree with me that the result is highly satisfactory.

RECORD FIGURE

You will observe from the Balance Sheet before you that the grand total of our assets and liabilities stands at the record figure of over \$37,000,000 showing an increase of more than \$4,000,000 over that of the previous year. The increase is mainly to be found under the heading of Current and other Deposits which shows an appreciable rise from \$21,549,283.02 at the end of 1939 to \$25,557,298.86 on December 31, 1940.

I am glad to be able to say that this sign of steady growth and progress made by the Bank during the year under review is an indication of the increasing confidence of the general public in our institution.

In view of the uncertain conditions, your directors considered it necessary to operate our bank on a sound and conservative basis, with the consequence that our available cash including bullion in stock and in transit at the end of 1940 stood at a very high figure of over \$23,000,000, representing over 90 per cent. of our liabilities on current and other deposits.

LOANS ACCOUNT DECLINE

There is a decline of over \$1,500,000 in our Loans Account and a reduction of more than \$300,000 in the Investment Account. Your directors are pleased to report that ample provision has been made against possible bad and doubtful debts and can assure shareholders that our present holdings of investments are of a very high grade.

In accordance with our usual practice we have written off Bank Buildings the sum of about \$50,000. The transfer of \$30,008.55 to War Taxation Reserve is the amount of Corporation Profit Tax payable for the year 1940/41 in addition to Property Tax already paid.

The Directors recommend that a sum of \$150,000 be transferred to General Reserve thus bringing this account to a total of \$2,750,000 or in other words about 50 per cent. of our paid up Capital. I am sure that you will endorse this sound policy.

The Directors' recommendation of a dividend of \$8.00 per share is the same as that of the previous year.

STAFF THANKED

I desire to express to all members of our staff, both here and abroad, our appreciation of their good services which played such an important part in the success of the year's working. In view of the increased cost of living in the Colony and in order to show our appreciation in a practical way, the Directors feel sure that you will agree to their recommendation to pay to the staff a bonus of \$22,024.34.

I do not think there is anything further that requires my comment, and I now beg to propose that the report of the Directors and accounts as presented be adopted and that the balance of \$933,870.06 standing at the credit of Profit and Loss Account be dealt with as follows:—

To Pay a Dividend of \$8.00 per share on 55,988 shares	\$335,918.00
To Transfer to Reserve	150,000.00
To Transfer to War Taxation Reserve	30,008.55
To Pay a Bonus to the Staff	22,024.34
To Carry forward to a new account	395,921.17
	\$933,870.06

Mr. B. Wong Tape seconded the adoption of the report and accounts and the motion was carried unanimously.

RE-ELECTION

Mr. Li Lan-sang and Mr. Fung Ping-wah were re-elected Directors on the proposal of Mr. Chan Shing-mi seconded by Mr. Kan Yuet-keung.

Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming were re-elected auditors on the proposal of Mr. Ho Kam-shuen seconded by Mr. Kong Tse-ming.

DIVIDEND WARRANTS

The Chairman announced that dividend warrants will be payable today.

SHAREHOLDERS PRESENT

Shareholders present at the meeting were Messrs. B. Wong Tape, Kong Tse-ming, Chan Shing-mi, Ho Kam-shuen, Kan Yuet-keung, K. K. Lee, Li Tung, Fung Ping-fan, Kenneth Fung, Li Fook-wo, Li Pak-to, Lui Ming-fong, Chan Tse-choi and many others.

WARRANT FOR MME. CHIANG'S CHAUFFEUR

Madame Chiang Kai-shek's chauffeur in the Colony is wanted by the Hong Kong Police.

A warrant for his arrest was issued, shortly after Madame Chiang left for Chungking some three weeks ago, but he was still at large up to yesterday.

While admitting that the warrant has been issued, the Police declined to disclose the nature of the alleged offence or to reveal his name.

There are rumours, however, of an alleged plot to kidnap Madame Chiang.

LARGE ATTENDANCE AT CATHOLIC PROCESSION

Nearly the whole of the Catholic community in the Colony turned out at the procession held in the Catholic Cathedral compound yesterday afternoon in honour of the Passion of Our Lord. The Very Rev. Fr. G. M. Spata officiated.

A sermon on the subject, "The Passion of Our Lord," was preached by the Rev. Fr. Teixeira.

Right Rev. Mgr. Pashang, Bishop of the Kongmoon Catholic Mission, took part in the service and gave the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

BANK NOTES IN CIRCULATION

Returns of average amount of bank notes in circulation in Hongkong during the month ended Feb. 28, 1941, as certified by the Managers of the respective banks:—Chartered Bank of India, Australia and China, \$25,801,032; Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation, \$200,257,228; Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., \$4,309,118; Total \$230,167,370.

CONVERSION LOAN

The following is the statement of the securities lodged with the Crown Agents by the Mercantile Bank of India, Ltd., against their notes in circulation:—3 per cent. Conversion Loan repayable 1948/1953: Amount, \$240,000; Latest market price, 98-100.



Mrs. Hsiang-nien Ling (formerly Mrs. (Miss) Irene Ho Tung) addressing the gathering at Caroline Hill on Saturday on the occasion of International Women's Day.—(Sun Ying Ming Studio).

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR LATE GEN. CHU

A memorial service for the late Gen. Chu Tze-chiao (Chu Ching-lan), a member of the Chinese National Relief Commission, was held at Confucius Hall, Caroline Hill, yesterday afternoon and was well attended.

Gen. Chu died in Shan on Jan. 13.

The service began with the observance of a three-minute silence. A short biography of the late Gen. Chu was given by Mr. Li Chao-shen.

Eulogies from various national and public organisations were chanted by representatives prominent among which were the Chinese National Relief Commission and the Chinese National Red Cross.

THOSE PRESENT

Among those present were Mr. O. K. Yui, Dr. W. W. Yen, Prof. Hsu Ti-shan, Mr. Wu Ting-hsin, Mr. Chang I-lin, Mr. Yeh Kung-cho, Mr. Ho Kan-tong, Mr. Sung Han-chang, Mr. Li Chao-shen, Mr. Lin Hong-hau, Mr. Yen Fook-ching, Mr. Pei Chung-shun and representatives of Gen. Wu Tze-chien and Mr. Tu Yuet-sang.

Scrolls were sent by Dr. H. H. Kung, Gens. Pail Chung-hsi and Li Chung-jen and Mr. Wang Yuk-chu, Gen. Wu Tze-ten, Gen. Fung Yu-hsiang, Sir Robert Ho Tung, Gen. Li Chai-shen, Mr. Tu Yuet-sang, Dr. C. T. Wang, Mr. Hsu Shih-ying, Mr. Wong Hsiao-lai and others.

Immigration Certificate To Banishee

It was revealed by Sub-Insp. W. L. Clark, in the case in which Pau Kim-rung, a life banishee, charged before Major A. N. Macfadyen on Saturday with a breach of the deportation order, that defendant, at the time of his arrest, was in possession of an Immigration Certificate (No. 59875), dated Feb. 18, 1941.

Pau, it was stated by the prosecution, was banished for life on September 28, 1940, and was arrested in Chung Yuen Street, Bay View, on March 7.

Accused was remanded until Tuesday for further inquiries to be made into his claim that he returned to Hongkong on his way to Shanghai.

FOOD IMPORTERS TO REGISTER

Mr. D. L. Newbigging, Controller of Food, has issued the following statement for general information:—

With reference to Government Notifications 665 of June 14, 1940, and 1351 of December 13, 1940, all firms, shops, companies and individuals who import foodstuffs (including liquids) directly to Hongkong from the United Kingdom are required to register themselves at the office of the Controller of Food by letter on or before March 15, 1941, when a number will be allotted to them in connection with permission to import into this Colony from the United Kingdom. Importers are warned that failure to register by March 15 may involve refusal of such permission, if application is received at a later date.

Detailed information regarding conditions of future import to this Colony from the United Kingdom will be given individually to importers on allotment of their respective numbers.

Complicated Question Of Charcoal

FORMER SOURCES OF SUPPLY CLOSED

"The question of charcoal," said Mr. W. J. Anderson, Stores Controller, to a Hongkong Daily Press reporter, "is a more complicated one than that of firewood."

"As you doubtless know, there are numerous qualities and grades of each quality. In fixing the price, we have to control the prices of all sub-grades and, like rice, have to so fix them as to leave no loop-hole for what might be called 'fancy' mixture."

"Another obstacle we have to overcome is that of supply. Many of the former sources of supply have, for one reason or the other, been closed to Hongkong with the result that we have to rely on those still open to us."

"A further difficulty is the shortage of bottoms, and transportation costs. Ships are not easy to obtain nowadays."

"The public may, however, rest fully assured that Government have had the whole matter under most serious consideration, and that a solution to the whole problem would be found in the very near future."

"As a matter of fact," concluded Mr. Anderson, "I hope to be in a position to make an announcement within the next few days."

A CORRECTION

Under "Another Firewood Shipment Expected," published in our issue of Saturday, it was stated that "each store was, however, only allowed between 60 and 70 tons."

This statement should have read "between 60 and 70 piculs."

NIGHTSOIL COOLIES' NEW PETITION

A new petition, it was learned, has been forwarded to His Excellency the Acting Governor in connection with the proposed night-soil removal scheme of the Urban Council.

The petition, which was sent to His Excellency-in-Council on Friday through Mr. M. A. da Silva, solicitor, was by the members of the Luen Yip Labour Guild which claim to represent over 2,000 night-soil workers.

BISHOP TSU TO LECTURE

The Right Rev. Andrew Y.Y. Tsu, Assistant Bishop of the Diocese of Victoria, Hongkong, will give a lecture in St. Andrew's Church Hall, Kowloon, today at 9 p.m.

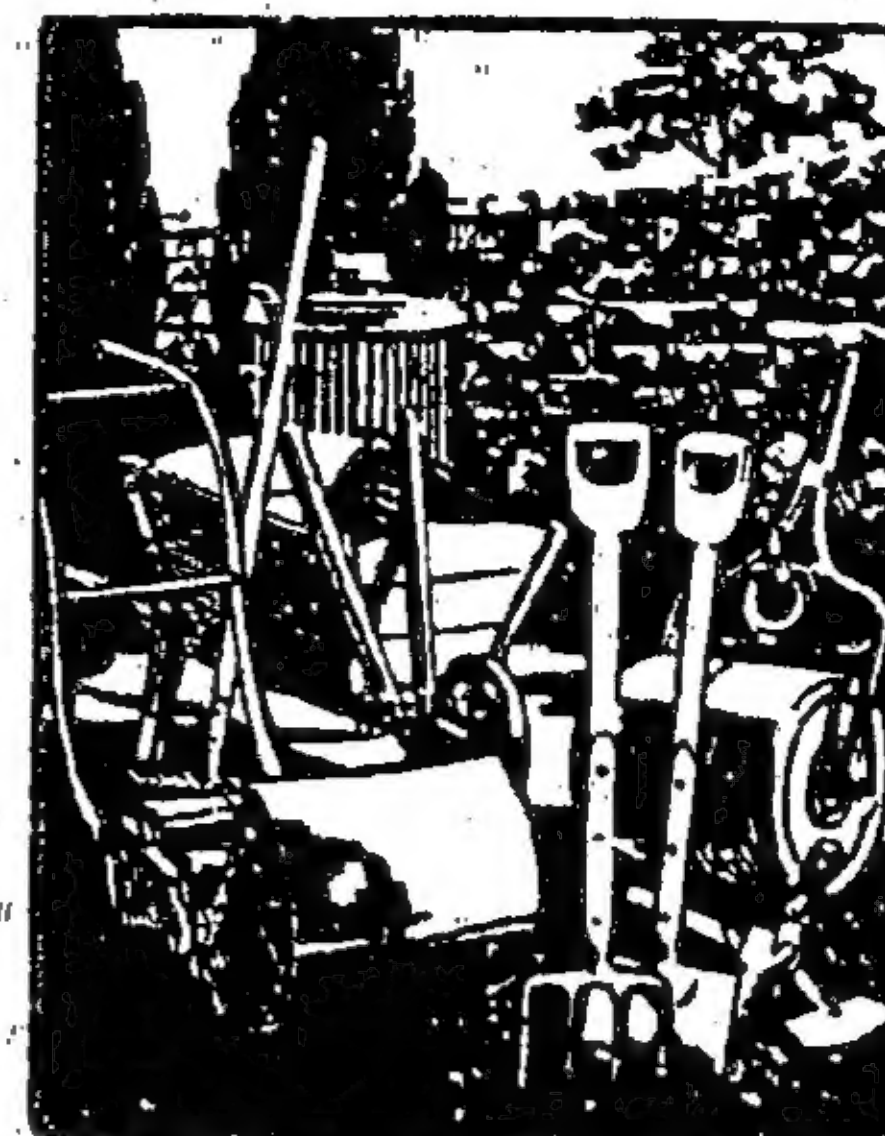
Bishop Tsu will recount his work and experiences during the past year in Yunnan and Kweichow. Before his appointment to South China, Bishop Tsu was Professor of Sociology at St. John's University, Shanghai.

This will be the one chance Hongkong people will have of hearing Dr. Tsu, as he is soon leaving again for the interior of China.

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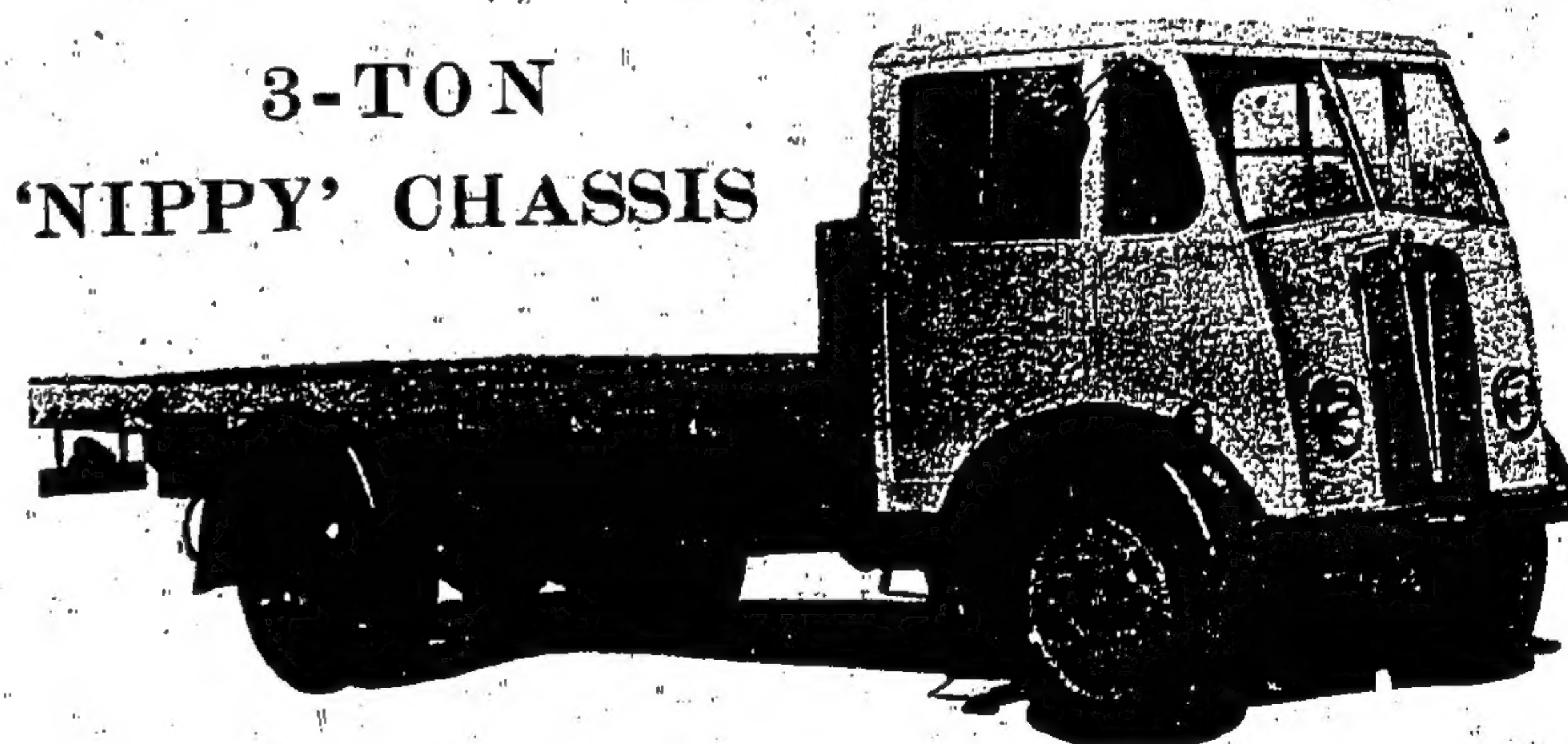
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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company will be held in the P. & O. Building, Victoria, in the Colony of Hong Kong at 11.15 o'clock in the forenoon on Thursday, the 20th day of March, 1941, or as soon thereafter as the Ordinary General Meeting of the Company shall have terminated for the purpose of considering and, if thought fit, passing the following resolutions:—

"1. That the Directors be and they are hereby authorised to capitalise the sum of \$3,000,000 Hongkong currency, part of the undivided profits of the Company standing to the credit of the Company's Reserve Fund, and to allot to the members holding shares of the Company as on the first day of April One thousand nine hundred and forty-one in respect of the net amount capitalised fully paid shares of the Company of equivalent nominal value in the proportion of one share for every three shares of the Company held by them respectively and that such shares so allotted shall rank for dividends as from the 1st day of July, 1941.

2. That if on such distribution as aforesaid any person would be entitled to a fractional share the Directors shall, in lieu of issuing fractional certificates, cause the whole share to be allotted to a person or persons to be named by the Directors and such share shall, at such time as the Directors think fit, be sold and the proceeds distributed amongst the persons entitled to the fractions making up such share."

By order of the Board of Directors,
GIBB, LIVINGSTON & CO., LTD.,
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Hong Kong, 21st February, 1941.

NOTE:—

Under the powers conferred upon them by Article 12 of the Articles of Association of the Company, the Directors have decided to offer to Shareholders on the Register on the 1st day of April 1941, one share at par for every complete three shares held by them (excluding the Bonus Shares to be offered to them under the preceding resolution) upon the terms that payment for such shares shall be made to the Company's Bankers, The Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation, Hong Kong on or before the 30th September 1941 and that Shareholders be given power to renounce their rights under such offer and that no rights attach to any fractions. The shares taken up under the above offer shall rank for dividends as from 1st day of July 1941. Formal letters of offer, acceptance and renunciation will be sent to Shareholders as soon as possible after April 1st next.

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REGISTRATION OF NETHERLAND GOVERNMENT BONDS.

In virtue of the Netherland Royal Decree of 23rd August 1940, No. A.11, registration of Netherland Government bonds and debentures has been opened at the Consulate-General for the Netherlands in Hong Kong, Shell House, Queen's Road Central. Holders of such bonds and debentures in Hong Kong, Macao, Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Yunnan, Fukien and Kweichow may register the same with the said Consulate-General during the month of March 1941. Bonds and debentures situate in the above mentioned territories, that have not been registered with the Consulate-General before 1st April 1941, will not be recognised by the Royal Netherland Government. The fee for registration is 2% of the nominal value. Further particulars may be obtained from the Netherland Consulate-General.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

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THE HONGKONG ELECTRIC CO., LTD.

NOTICE

It is hereby notified that the following increases in the Company's standard charges will be made for current consumed in respect of accounts issued for meters read on and after 21st March, 1941:—

1. For Lighting from 15 cents to 16 cents per unit.
2. For Power & Heating from 5 cents to 5½ cents per unit.
3. The discount of 10% on Power accounts in excess of 1,000 units per month will be discontinued.

By order of the Board of Directors,
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THE HONGKONG & KOWLOON WHARF & GODOWN COMPANY LTD.

Notice to Shareholders

THE FIFTY-FOURTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd. on WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors and the Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1941.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 15th MARCH, 1941, to WEDNESDAY, the 26th MARCH, 1941, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
C. M. MANNERS,
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Hong Kong, 7th March, 1941.

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The existing scale of discounts will remain in force.

By order of the Board of Directors,
D. W. MUNTON,
Manager.

Hong Kong, 8th March, 1941.

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HONGKONG, MARCH 10, 1941.

SOVIET RUSSIA

A MUCH DEEPER significance is now being attached to Moscow's condemnation of Bulgaria's surrender to Herr Hitler's war of nerves than was at first realised. A good deal of the comment on possible Russian reactions to the German move in the Balkans is, of course, speculation, since, despite the fact that M. Stalin has broken his long silence, and apparent indifference to developments in Europe, he has as yet given no tangible indication of whether he has decided to make a move on the political chessboard of that continent. There are, nevertheless, logical reasons for the assumption that the Soviet strongly disapproves of the possible extension of the hostilities to a sphere in which she holds vital interests and political commentators, who have for the last twelve months been trying to piece together the lines of thought on which the Kremlin dictator has been basing his attitude of watchful waiting, are not entirely unjustified in expressing the view that the time has come for Russia to decide on her future policy in a more definite form. The sop which Herr Hitler handed to M. Stalin when he presented Bessarabia to him on a swastika platter was rightly regarded in some quarters as a bribe to keep Soviet Russia from interfering with the German consolidation in Denmark and Scandinavia. The nibbling tactics which the Nazis have now taken to get control of the Balkans is a sauce of a different taste for M. Stalin and one that is evidently not to his liking either.

A SOMEWHAT startling aspect of the real motive behind Herr Hitler's Balkan move was given on Friday by Mr. Wickham Steed, an authority on current political trends, whose views are usually regarded as being well founded. Mr. Steed sees in the German Fuehrer's Balkan adventure more than a mere threat to Russia's Black Sea interests. What

the Nazi leader is after, according to Mr. Steed, is a foothold in Southern Russia where he will have access to the valuable Soviet oilfields in Baku—a theory which lends support to the oft expressed view, and now acknowledged fact, that Herr Hitler's greatest need is an almost unlimited supply of oil for his war machine. Ever since the Nazi warlord was compelled to recognise that his plans for a short and quick war had gone up in smoke, his greatest concern was the necessity for securing fresh sources from which he could draw upon at will to keep his huge air force in continual action and to feed his vast mechanised army for long incursions into territories which he has planned to bring under his domination. If the news that he has transferred part of his mechanised units to Libya is correct, it will impose an additional drain on his oil reserves and what he evidently aims at now is to make certain that he will never lack this vital requirement in order to further his plans for his eastern drive.

THERE IS no doubt of the advantage which control of the oil and other supplies which Southern Russia possesses would give the Nazis, but the disapproval which M. Stalin has expressed of Herr Hitler's goose-stepping into Bulgaria and his intention to intimidate Yugoslavia into joining in must be taken to indicate that the Soviet will no longer be indifferent to the German designs which are surely working up to a double-cross of Moscow. M. Stalin has been credited with an attitude of not having any desire to invite himself into war as a reason for his strange and prolonged silence all this while. Perhaps he has only been waiting his time when the Nazi war machine should approach the point of exhaustion before he ventured to show his hand. But if M. Stalin fears, as he is evidently does now, that Herr Hitler's Balkan plunge is only a stepping stone to a frontal attack on Southern Russia, he would have to immediately abandon his policy of watching and waiting. The Soviet dictator may not have reason to be proud of the showing which his army put up against Finland and he might still be over-conscious of the risk of pitting his fighting strength against the Axis war machine, but it is inconceivable that he will permit himself to be belittled to such an extent as to allow the richest part of his territory to pass into Nazi control.

300,000 Nazi Troops In Italy

A report sent in by a correspondent of the DAILY TELEGRAPH is quoted in a Sydney message as showing how completely Italy has been taken over by Germany.

The report states that there are now 300,000 GERMAN TROOPS IN ITALY, in addition to a large number of planes and mechanised units. Nearly two-thirds of this force is reported to be based at Naples. Naval and air bases have been taken over from the north to the south and German officials have been appointed to key posts in all the Italian ministries.

The German subjugation of Italy is complete, but not flamboyant, says the Daily Telegraph correspondent. Credit for the smoothness and ease with which this was carried out must go to the Nazi Party, who prepared the way for the present position.—(Special)

NEWSETTES

Miss Helen Wong has been appointed a Temporary Public Vaccinator.

A fresh consignment of Hongkong Centenary Postage Stamps arrived in the Colony on Friday and these will be on sale this week.

Duncan Miller Munro has been appointed Acting Sub-Lieutenant in the Hongkong Naval Volunteer Force.

Mr. Kan Lu Dun has relinquished his duties as a Chinese Assistant Immigration Officer with effect from Feb. 23, 1941.

Messrs. James Robert Poye, Lu Tak-shun, Harry Lee Chin and George Yin-sing Lee have been appointed Chinese Assistant Immigration Officers.

Richard Henry Wild, Thomas Stephens Maher and Eric Robert Agabeg have been permitted to quit the Hongkong Defence Reserve.

It is notified in the Government Gazette that the Kingdom of Bulgaria must be regarded as an area in enemy occupation.

Private William Campbell Tillery, of the Hongkong Volunteer Defence Corps, has been awarded the Efficiency Medal.

The number of emigrants leaving the Colony for the Straits Settlements during February was 1,941.

Tenders are invited for the supply and delivery of Asphaltum and for the supply and making up of uniforms for the use of various Government Departments.

Mr. W. H. E. Thomas, C. B. E., has been appointed to the panel for a Board of Review during the absence from the Colony of Mr. R. A. Camidge.

Mr. T. J. Houston has been appointed District Officer North and to hold a small Debts Court in the New Territories.

Mr. S. L. Lloyd will act as organiser of the General Group for Essential Services in the Hongkong Defence Reserve during the absence from the Colony of Mr. J. K. Bousfield, M. C.

His Excellency the Officer Administering the Government has received information from the Secretary of State for the Colonies that Mr. Seki Yano has been appointed Japanese Consul-General at Hongkong.

Following the mobile exhibitions showing the proper methods to obscure and screen lights, the A.R.P. Headquarters is undertaking to stage demonstrations to teach the general public on how to deal with incendiary bombs with material usually available in the households, it was learned.

The marriage took place at the Registry, Supreme Court, on Saturday of Mr. So Kwok-hing, wireless operator, of No. 38 Jordan Road, first floor, and Miss Sung Ngan-oi, teacher, residing at No. 331 Nathan Road, second floor. Mr. J. Reynolds, Deputy Registrar, officiated.

SYDNEY SEAMEN NOW SAFE

SYDNEY, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—Given up for dead since the 10,000-ton French liner Commissaire Ramel disappeared in the Indian Ocean in September, 10 Sydney seamen are now reported to be safe in Kenya Colony.

Relatives were wildly delighted at the receipt of the news. It is recalled that Capt. Mackenzie, the liner's skipper, was in the merchant navy in the Boxer Rebellion of the Boer War in the last war.

MORE ECONOMIC TO PAY NAZI ARMY

General Antonescu, the Prime Minister of Rumania, has issued a manifesto to the Rumanian people, states a London message. In it he explained that it is more economical to pay a German army to defend Rumania than to maintain an army of her own. He stated that there should be no penetration into national economy without permission of the Government.—(Special)

LORD LYTTON DESCRIBES POSITION OF ENEMY ALIENS IN BRITAIN

An interesting insight into the position of enemy aliens in Britain was given in the course of a broadcast yesterday by the EARL OF LYTTON, K.G., G.C.S.I., Chairman of the Advisory Council appointed to supervise and report on the internment camps and internees in the country.

Lord Lytton divided the process of the internment of aliens into three stages—that which began at the outbreak of war and lasted until May 1940, the second stage from May to August, 1940, and the last stage from August 1940 up to the present time.

MAIN PROBLEM

The usual practice involved was to intern all aliens with certain exceptions. In December 1939 it was suggested that there were in Britain many others who, though they were described as aliens, were really refugees who had fled to Britain when their countries became the victims of Nazi aggression. A large number of these were Jews who appeared to be the victims of the Nazi hatred.

"The problem was," said Lord Lytton, "to find out who were really on our side and who were not sailing under false colours. Accordingly, at the beginning of the war local tribunals were set up all over the country to consider each case on its merits."

"The aliens were divided into three classes—A, B and C. Those who were put into Class A were those who were considered definitely hostile and they were interned. Those in Class C were those whom the Tribunal considered, after a thorough investigation, as being friendly to Britain and these were given complete liberty. Those about whom any doubts existed were placed in Class B. They were given liberty but were subject to certain restrictions. This was the policy during the first eight months of the war."

NEW DANGER

"When the German invasion began last Spring, and when Denmark, Holland and Norway were overrun and France was occupied, we were presented with an unprecedented danger. We felt that it was a danger of a new kind—a danger of an enemy within the gates which had not been heard of in previous wars between nations. We were shocked at the part which the traitor Quisling played in Norway and the organisation of the Fifth Column in the Low Countries, so we promptly interned all Germans and Austrians, although we recognised that Quisling of Norway was not a German at all. As the result of this step we were better organised to deal with this particular danger."

Lord Lytton said it was difficult to picture the state of feeling that prevailed in Britain during the early part of last summer and referred to a statement made by President Roosevelt when he warned the United States of the

danger within that country and of the step the Government was taking to deal with it.

SECOND STAGE

Lord Lytton said that the people of Britain immediately demanded the internment of all aliens. This was the second stage which lasted towards the summer when 33,000 Germans and Austrians were interned. Even so several remained free because there was not enough accommodation.

While this mass internment was going on, public opinion began to say that among the majority of those interned in May and June were a number who were friendly to Britain and it was thought worthwhile making an effort to see who were really enemies and who were really friends. In July, 1940, mass internment ceased and the Government began to consider the problem of improving conditions in internment camps and every effort was made to alleviate certain unsatisfactory conditions.

INTERMENT CONDITIONS

"It is my duty as Chairman of the Advisory Council to visit these internment camps," said Lord Lytton. "It cannot be denied that hardships were suffered owing to inadequate preparations for their accommodation but, I can say with confidence, that the officers in charge of the camps were individually kind and sympathetic towards the internees. It must be remembered that we ourselves are at war and that our civil population was undergoing just as many hardships."

Lord Lytton then detailed several improvements which have been effected since then. Before winter began ten camps were closed down and internees were transferred to permanent buildings in the Isle of Man. Additional hospital accommodation was provided, the food was good and sufficient, and, as far as material conditions were concerned, there was little to complain about.

"My part of the story only began towards the end of last August," said Lytton, "and one of my functions was to recommend to the Government all possible improvements, and we have to take the responsibility of saying who ought to be interned and who ought to be released. I can tell you that there is a little bitterness among the internees."

Lord Lytton concluded by declaring that many skilled workers and craftsmen who were against the conditions that prevailed in their own countries under German oppression, and who believed that their future depended on freedom—the freedom for which Britain stands—were helping Britain's war efforts.

JAP. EVACUEES FROM AMERICA

U.S. Pressure Denied By Bank Manager

YOKOHAMA, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—Eighty Japanese evacuees from north-west America, who left because of the Pacific tension, arrived here yesterday morning.

Among them was Baron Nakamura, former manager of the Yokohama Specie Bank in Seattle, who denied that pressure was imposed on the Japanese community since the outbreak of the European war.

He added, however: "White oppression of Japanese was already severe before," according to a Japanese interview.

American unemployment has decreased as a result of the boom in war industries, Baron Nakamura said, but most of the lumber and food produced for export to Europe had been reduced owing to the lack of ships.

SYDNEY, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—The Chiefs of Staff of New Zealand's Army, Navy and Air Force arrived yesterday by air.

Major-General Dugan declared that the object of the visit was to confer with Australian defence chiefs on the general aspects of defence co-ordination.

NAZI OFFICIALS IN RABAT

MADRID, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—New groups of German officials charged with supervising and carrying out the armistice clauses have arrived in Casablanca and Rabat, says the newspaper ARRIBA.

It is stated that they control the administrative, economic and political life of the Protectorate in all matters relating to war or armistice.

A German General is now in Casablanca, the newspaper added.

FREE-FOR-ALL

A free-for-all occurred among workers in the factory of the Cathay Ceramic Company, Castle Peak Road, on Friday evening and as a result a large party of Police were summoned.

The men employed iron bars, poles and wood.

Four injured were sent to hospital.

Count Of Barcelona

LONDON, March 9 (Reuter).—Prince Juan, in whose favour the late ex-King Alfonso renounced all rights to the throne of Spain, declared he will assume the title of Count of Barcelona, states the Swiss Radio, adding he is holding himself in readiness until called to ascend the Throne.

GENERALISSIMO CHIANG KAI-SHEK AND GOVERNMENT'S ATTITUDE TO THE COMMUNIST DEMANDS

Parallel Existence Of Two Supreme Powers Cannot Be Tolerated

CHUNGKING, March 9 (Central).—Admitting officially for the first time since the New Fourth Army incident that the Communist Party has presented two sets of demands for its solution, Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek clarified the Government attitude towards the Communist issue in a statement made before the People's Political Council session.

While emphasising that an organised nation, especially one at war with an alien foe, cannot tolerate the parallel existence of two supreme powers or a government within government, the Generalissimo declared that an amicable solution of the Communist question will not be difficult if the Communist party shows sincerity in abandoning its selfish interests and once more abiding by its pledge as made in September, 1937.

Referring to the Communist demands, however, the Generalissimo made clear that they have been presented not to the Government but to the People's Political Council. The demands, of two sets, each of twelve terms, concern not only military but also political and Party questions.

General Chiang once more stressed the imperativeness of enforcing discipline and thorough execution of military orders. He said that no political, social or party issue cannot be openly discussed and rationally settled, provided it does not conflict with or prejudice the discipline and order of the nation. This has been the attitude of the National Government towards the Kuomintang-Communist issue. General Chiang declared, and this attitude has been pursued in order to consolidate national unity against foreign aggression.

General Chiang revealed that the Communist members of the People's Political Council had submitted two sets of terms to the Council grouped under the headings (1) Rehabilitation measures, and (2) Provisional measures.

Continuing, General Chiang said that he felt greatly surprised in looking over the contents of these demands, which he said, reminded him of the demands presented by the Japanese militarists after the outbreak of the Lukouchiao Incident in 1937 to the Chinese Government and the local authorities.

POSITION OF ENEMY

General Chiang pointed out that the Chinese Communists are citizens of the Chinese Republic. By presenting such demands to the Government of their own country, and the People's Political Council, at a most critical period, General Chiang remarked, the Communists have practically assumed the position of an enemy.

Briefly, the Communist demands may be grouped under three headings: military, political and Party issues. Militarily, the Communists demanded that the activities of the rebellious troops (meaning the New Fourth Army) should not be further curbed, otherwise the military authorities responsible for the incident shall be duly punished and reparations be made for damages sustained by the New Fourth Army. Politically, the Communists demanded that outside the administrative system of the National Government, a special administrative area should be marked out with a special administrative system which should be recognized by the National Government.

Further, the Government is asked to restrict its power in forbidding or interfering with the illegal activities of associations and individuals and to recognise a so-called separate political power behind the enemy rear.

These demands, General Chiang pointed out, would inevitably pave the way for the struggle to seize political power by taking advantage of the progress of the war.

PARTY ISSUES

In regard to the Party Issues, the Communist Party demanded that it be accorded a special position and special privileges in the People's Political Council and that the Government should not accord equal treatment to other Party members or non-party members. Otherwise, the Communist members will refuse to attend the meetings of the Council.

Such being the nature of the demands, General Chiang said, how can China remain an organised country and how can the People's Political Council retain its status as a representative organ of the people if the Government accepts them?

Explaining the Government's attitude and policy towards the Communist demands, General Chiang declared that militarily, the Government has consistently pursued the policy of nationalisation of the armed forces. In other words, under the jurisdiction of the National Government, there is only one national army and there can be no other system of armies belonging to parties or individuals.

General Chiang emphasised that the national revolutionary army is the army of the nation and is not the army of any Party. Further, the Government cannot recognise part of the national army to be the private force of the Communist Party. Consequently, there is and can only be one unified military command.

Existence of separate army units by private parties and diversified military command, General Chiang said, not only cannot be tolerated by the Government but is strongly objected to by the people. How can the Chinese Communist Party, professedly pledging loyalty to the cause of resistance against foreign aggression bring up such a demand, General Chiang asked.

POLITICAL DEMANDS

In regard to the Communist political demands, General Chiang explained that democratisation is the policy of the Government in political administration throughout the country. Under the laws and orders of the country, rights and freedom can be enjoyed by any individuals or groups provided they observe discipline, are responsible and do their duties. But, General Chiang stressed, there can be only one political authority in the country and the existence of parallel supreme powers under whatever pretext cannot be tolerated.

With reference to party issues, General Chiang said that equality should be the guiding principle among all political parties. Especially in such a representative organ of public opinion as the People's Political Council, this principle should be strictly observed.

In the Council, there is only the national stand but not any party stand. The demand of any one party or individual to claim special position or special privileges cannot be countenanced.

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NEW CRISIS SAID TO BE DEVELOPING IN VICHY

A NEW CRISIS IN FRANCO-GERMAN RELATIONS IS AT HAND, states a message from Sydney. General Weygand's arrival in Vichy is being linked with fresh fears of renewed German pressure on Vichy Government.

Admiral Darlan, on his return from Paris, conferred with General Weygand and Marshal Petain, and General Weygand is expected to return to North Africa almost at once.

German Foreign Office representatives are reported to be in Paris conferring with M. Laval.

From Vichy itself, no information is available, though an order was published which states that all cargo ships, in future, must be escorted by units of the French navy.

The Havas News Agency declared yesterday that there would be no more censorship of news in unoccupied France, and that newspapers there would be permitted to print news as received. The Government will still control the Press, but will only take such action as they think necessary after publication, and not before. (Special)

Axis Advisers With Japanese Denied

SHANGHAI, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—The German Embassy has denied the report that German and Italian advisers are with the Japanese forces in the south.

In a statement released through the Transoceanic news service, the Embassy says: "A statement, reportedly made over the official Chinese radio station in Chungking, asserted that German and Italian technical advisers are with the Japanese forces in the south."

"It has been stated twice in the past that this rumour is without any foundation."

CHINESE COMMUNISTS PRESENT DEMANDS TO GOVT. THROUGH P.P.C

CHUNGKING, Mar. 9 (Central).—In connexion with the New Fourth Army incident and the Communist issue generally, the Communist members of the People's Political Council have presented two sets of demands to the Government through the Council, it is officially stated here.

The first set, submitted by Mao Tse-tung and six other Communist members, in the form of a communication to the Secretariat of the Council, consists of the following 12 items:

Prohibit further provocation. Rescind the Government order of January 17 disbanding the New Fourth Army. Punish the responsible ring-leaders including Generals Ho Ying-chin, Ku Chu-tung and Shangkuang Yun-hsiang. Release General Yeh Ting and reinstate him as Commander of the New Fourth Army. Return all the men and arms captured from the New Fourth Army. Grant pensions to the wounded and the families of killed of the New Fourth Army. Withdraw the Government anti-Communist army in central China. Lift the blockade of the North-west.

Release all the patriotic political prisoners throughout the country. Abolish the one-party rule and inaugurate democratic government. Realise the Three People's Principles and carry out the will of the late Dr. Sun Yat-sen. Arrest all the pro-Japanese leaders and subject them to trial in accordance with national law.

THE OTHER SET

The other set of demands was submitted to the Council by two Communist members in Chungking, Tung Pi-wu and Teng Ying-chao (Mrs. Chou En-lai). The demands are:

Stop immediately military operations against the Communist throughout the country. Relieve immediately all political pressure throughout the country.

Recognise the legal status of the Chinese Communist Party and other political groupings, release all the persons arrested in Sian, Chungking, Kweihsiang and other places, re-open all the book-stores sealed by the Government, and cancel the order forbidding the circulation of publications on the war of resistance.

Relieve immediately all the pressure upon the Sin Hua Jih Pao (Communist daily in Chungking). Recognise the legal status of the Shensi-Kansu-Ningshia Border District.

Recognise the anti-Japanese democratic regime in the enemy rear. Maintain the status quo of the defence dispositions in North, Central and North-west China.

Organise another group army besides the present 18th Group Army. The two group armies shall have together six armies.

Oshima On All Japan Wants

STATEMENT BY ENVOY

"All Japan wants a free and better China," declared General Oshima, new Japanese Ambassador to Germany, in a statement which was given much prominence in Nazi newspapers, stated a London message.

"We desire conquest no more than Germany is fighting this war for conquest. Conquest by violence is immoral."

Referring to the United States, Gen. Oshima said: "It appears to me she does not want to understand our honest intentions for peace."

PEOPLE WARNED

Meanwhile, in Tokyo, the Japanese War Minister has warned the people that the end of the war in China is a long way off.

The Foreign Minister, Mr. Yosuke Matsuoka, will be leaving for Moscow and Berlin within the next 24 hours and it is probable that the role of the United States in the war will undoubtedly be discussed. (Special)

POLICY UNCHANGED

General Hata, the new Japanese Commander-in-Chief in South China, stated that Japan's policy for a settlement of the China affair was unchanged and the war would be continued even if it takes a long time, states a London message. (Special)

JAPAN TO PURSUE FOR NEW ORDER

SHANGHAI, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—Japan's campaign will continue as long as there is opposition to Japan's aims for a New Order, stated General Shunroku Hata, new Commander-in-Chief of the Japanese Expeditionary Forces in China, on arriving in Nanking to assume the post, according to a Japanese report from Nanking. The reconstruction of East Asia rested on the mutual goodwill of Japan, "Manchukuo" and China, and this principle would be carried out, added General Hata.

KING SENDS MESSAGE TO SIKORSKI

EFFICIENCY OF THE POLISH TROOPS

H.M. the King, who with the Queen has been visiting Polish troops in Scotland, sent a message to General Sikorski, Commander-in-Chief of the Polish Army, states a London message.

His Majesty said, "It has been a great pleasure to us to see so many of the fine troops under your command and on whose appearance and efficiency I congratulate you most warmly."

Gen. Sikorski replied that the visit would give encouragement to the many Poles "now suffering under the yoke of our common enemy."—(Special)

LEASE AND LEND BILL PASSED

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news that the Senate has passed the Bill by a majority of 29.

Under the Bill the President may cause to have manufactured any war material for the use of a country the defence of which is vital to the defence of the United States.

The countries meant are BRITAIN, GREECE and CHINA.

"The Bill empowered the President to hand over munitions, and include in that planes, ships and tanks, as well as guns and shells, which may be exchanged, transferred, sold or leased. Under another provision, British battle-ships may be repaired in the Brooklyn naval yards or any other ship-building ports.

MOBILISE INDUSTRY

"These are the main points in this measure," went on the commentator. "None other changes will affect the President's authority to mobilise American industry for war and to send the results to the battle-front. It simply means the carrying-out of Mr. Churchill's request 'Give us the tools and we will finish the job.'"

"The main reason why the Bill was attacked by Isolationists was because they felt that it was the first step to war. This was countered by the statement that it was vital for the United States to see that Hitler was defeated. The American people agree that Britain is America's first line of defence today and that, therefore, aid to Britain is necessary.

"It will cause as much dismay to the gangster powers as it will encourage this country. And it brings immeasurably nearer the defeat of the enemy cause."

"As for the Axis view that help under this Bill will come too late for Britain it must be remembered that America is not starting from scratch. American industry has already been keyed-up to the war effort."—(Special)

Overwhelming Defeat Of Amendments

WASHINGTON, Mar. 8 (Reuter).—During the debate on the Lease and Lend Bill in the U.S. Senate, a woman Senator made a firm attack on the proposed amendments.

She declared: "I have two sons in the army and I believe they will be much safer if we do not amend the Bill. I vote we leave the Bill as it is."

The overwhelming defeat of the isolationist amendments to the Lease and Lend Bill in the Senate on Friday was hailed by the New York Herald-Tribune yesterday as showing a trend to real national unity in the United States.

U.S. BOMBERS FLOWN TO SPORE

WASHINGTON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—Large shipments of planes and aero-engines were made by the United States to different parts of the British Empire, including Malaya, during January, according to figures released here.

Apparently large bombers were flown across the Pacific to Singapore via Hawaii.

Ninety-three per cent of United States aeronautical shipments in January went to the British Empire.

The shipments comprised 459 land planes, eight seaplanes, 514 extra aero-engines and many accessories.

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LOFOTEN NORDS CHEER KING HAAKON

Touching Reception Held At London Hotel

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—King Haakon of Norway and the Prime Minister, Johan Nygaardsvold, yesterday received the 300 Norwegians who have come to Britain following the raid on Lofoten Island.

Addressing them, King Haakon said he had a personal feeling they would be able to get back again to Norway to liberate their country. A sergeant wearing uniform called for three cheers for King Haakon and, addressing his comrades, said: "Sacrifice your last drop of blood for the cause of Norway and the common cause of freedom."

The party included eight women six becoming nurses in Britain and the other two taking up office work.

One of the party, who was fishing when the British warships arrived, just reached a British warship in time.

He said the Germans on Lofoten were not awake by the time the British and Norwegian raiding party landed.

A moving scene opened when King Haakon entered the hotel, where the reception was held, the young Norwegian men cheering for more than a minute.

The King shook hands with all of them and spoke a short while with a sergeant who was already back in the uniform of his old regiment with whom he fought at Narvik last year.

The party, all finely built young men, attracted much attention as they walked to the hotel in varying garb, including picturesque gaily coloured woollen jackets.

One, who had hurried down the mountainside when the British landed, was still wearing plus-fours and ski boots.

VIKING TRADITIONS

M. Nygaardsvold recalled the Viking traditions and said these young patriots came not as refugees but as fighters in the common cause.

The sergeant, expressing thanks, said there were thousands at home who only hoped to be able to get out the same way.

One of the women said in an interview: "We did not see very much of the German soldiers. There were not very many on our island but when we did see them we felt sick."

"Some girls danced with them but they were bad girls. The German authorities finally stopped these mixed dances because when they took place, accidents were likely to happen to the German soldiers."

"We have all one view — of course England will win."

"All people who have wireless listen to the banned English programmes, on radio sets in all cafes and restaurants."

She added that while there was no hunger on the island there was a food shortage.

HAIR CROPPED

A young man, breaking in while the girl talked of dancing, said that until the Germans sent one of them to prison for it, they had cropped the hair of every Norwegian girl who degraded herself by dancing with Germans.

All the men spoke of the continued hostility of the bulk of the Norwegian people to the Germans.

They added: "They have not shown great brutality towards us because they were so uncertain of themselves. When they overstep the mark there are apt to be accidents."

Among the Quislings brought to England was the chief of police and other policemen.

The Germans made no attempt to combat the British landing and most of them were in bed. One man stated the only opposition came from armoured trawlers in the fjord, three of which were sunk. He saw three oil tanks blown up.

ASHLEY ROAD ROBBERY

Jewellery, clothing and money to the total value of \$239 have been reported stolen from Li Lok-shan, at No. 28, Ashley Road, first floor. According to a Police report, somebody gain entrance into the house by putting the hand through a hole and took off the door bolt and decamped with the property between 3 and 6 a.m. yesterday.

LONDON, March 9 (Reuter).—The Italian submarine Amfitrite attempted to attack a British convoy in the Aegean Sea on March 6 and she was immediately sunk by the British escort craft, states an Admiralty communique.

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ST. PATRICK'S SOC.
DONATION

The following acknowledgment of the donation by St. Patrick's Society of Hongkong to the Lord Mayor's Fund for the relief of air raid victims has been forwarded by the Hon. Colonial Secretary to the Society:—

The Mansion House, London, E.C.4.
December 24, 1940.

The Officer Administering the Government, Hongkong.

Dear Sir:—I have received through the Crown Agents for the Colonies, London, on behalf of the Hongkong St. Patrick's Society a cheque for £50, as a donation to the Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Distress Fund.

As the address of the Donors is unknown, to me, I am enclosing herewith official receipt No. 50994, and should be greatly obliged if you would kindly convey same to the Donors, together with an expression of the Lord Mayor's most sincere gratitude and deep appreciation of their kind gift which will help him in his serious task of alleviating the distress and suffering caused through enemy air-raids.

Yours, etc.

(Sd) A. W. HERSEY.

Secretary.

Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Distress Fund.

NATIONAL DAY

At the annual general meeting of the Society held last November, it was left to the Incoming Committee to decide on the manner of celebrating St. Patrick's Day this year. After very careful consideration the Committee have regrettably decided that it is not desirable under existing conditions to hold a dinner dance or similar function, and are of the opinion that the money normally spent on such a function could be better applied to the prosecution of the War or to relief of its victims.

It has therefore been decided to invite members to mark the occasion by subscribing either to the S.C.M.P. War Fund or the Lord Mayor's National Air Raid Distress Fund the sum which they would customarily spend on the entertainment of their guests at the Society's official function, and a personal letter has been sent by the President of the Society to all members inviting contributions.

The Committee feel that there may be other Irishmen in the Colony, not members of the Society, who would wish to associate themselves with the St. Patrick's Day donation to these funds, and they would welcome any such subscriptions, which should be sent to the Honorary Treasurer, St. Patrick's Society, P.O. Box 417, c/o Assessor's Office, stating to which fund the donor wishes his contribution to apply.

Members are requested to forward their subscriptions not later than Friday, March 14, in order that the contribution may be made on St. Patrick's Day.

The official function on St. Patrick's Day itself will be con-

ROUND THE POLICE COURTS

AT CENTRAL

INDIAN CONSTABLE CHARGED

Indian Constable, Kartar Singh, 28, was charged before Mr. Sheldon on Saturday on counts of obstructing Revenue Officer No. 120, Chan Tat-hung in the exercise of his power, wilfully failing to comply with his request to accompany him to the Import and Export Office for examining the contents of three bottles, suspected of containing dutiable spirits, and misconduct by failing to comply with lawful requisition. The hearing was fixed for tomorrow at 10.30 a.m.

Det. Sub Insp. J. O'Donovan is for the prosecution, while defendant, who is on \$50 bail, will be represented by Mr. M.A. da Silva.

COMMITTAL PROCEEDINGS

Committal proceedings on a charge of breach of deportation order against Li Hoi, 44, life banished, will be heard before Major A.N. Macfadyen tomorrow at 10 a.m.

Sgt. Jackson is prosecuting.

FALSE PRETENCES

Alleged to have attempted to obtain \$500 from Cheung Kwan-lun, of No. 168, Wing Lok Street, first floor, by a forged document, Leung Tak-fong, charged before Mr. Sheldon on Saturday, was sentenced to four months' hard labour.

Insp. Tuckett said that complainant had a business friend in Macao. On March 2, he received a letter and half a chit, purporting to be from him, saying that a man would come and was to get \$300 on producing the other half of the chit.

As a precaution, complainant wrote to his friend to confirm this, and defendant was arrested on March 6, when he turned up for the money.

UNGRATEFUL NEPHEW

A man described as a refugee from Chungking came to the Colony to live with his uncle, who was kind enough to accommodate him gratis. Instead of repaying this hospitality with gratitude, he repaid it by running off with \$275.

This incident was revealed when Mo Lin-ching, 32, unemployed, was charged before Major A. N. Macfadyen on Saturday with stealing the sum from Yum Yuk-san, shop master, of No. 25, Wing On Street, on March 2.

Det. Sgt. Skyes said that defendant stole the money from a safe, when complainant was absent from the house. At the time of arrest in Shanghai Street on Friday, he had only \$7.68 in his possession.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was imposed.

FLOUR MERCHANT FINED

Chau Ming, 25, merchant, of No. 27, Queen's Road West, third floor, was fined \$50 by Major A. N. Macfadyen on Saturday for attempting to export flour out of the Colony without a permit from the Controller of Trade.

Defendant was arrested when he was supervising coolies loading 100 bags of flour on board junk No. 5394Y at China Merchants Wharf, Connaught Road West, on Friday.

STOLE FROM MILITARY

Sum Chun, 36, earth cooler, and Mok Yau-chew, 20, mason, charged with stealing a quantity of telephone cables, the property of the Military Authorities, at Sir Cecil's Ride, Happy Valley, on March 1, were remanded to Tuesday by Mr. Sheldon on Saturday.

Charged with conspiring together to steal on March 4, Mok Tim, 33, Mok Wong, 29, and Ng Chung, 50, all unemployed, were also remanded to the same date.

Det. Sgt. T. Cashman is in charge of both cases.

SLEPT IN PROHIBITED AREA

A fine of \$200 or three months' hard labour was imposed on Wu Kon, 21, by Mr. Sheldon on Saturday for a breach of the Defence Regulations.

Det. Sub Insp. W. N. Darkin, prosecuted, said that defendant was found sleeping in the Tai Kok Sugar Refinery Conveyor Belt Room, which is a prohibited area, on March 3.

Defendant pleaded that he went there to look for a friend and fell asleep suddenly.

LARCENY BY TRICK CHARGE

Alleged to have stolen by a trick money and jewellery to the total value of \$1,535 from Chan Lai-king, married woman, on Feb. 23, three unemployed, Chan Ming, 35, Chu Ming, 38, and Cheung Ki, 24, were charged before Mr. Sheldon on Saturday, when they were remanded for 12 hours.

Each defendant was allowed \$1,000 bail.

WINDFALL FOR POOR BOX

A sum of \$555.83, picked up by the Police in a raid on a "tse fa" den at No. 145, Lockhart Road, first floor, on Friday, was placed into the Poor Box.

This was revealed when two unemployed, Lam Shum and Leong Cheong, were charged before Mr. Sheldon on Saturday with being keepers of the premises.

Det. Sgt. Summers said: "Apparently the sum is the total takings from all the 'tse fa' houses in the district. I ask Your Worship to take a serious view of this case, since 'tse fa' is again very prevalent now."

A fine of \$150 or two months' hard labour was imposed on each defendant.

AT KOWLOON

COUNTERFEIT COINS ALLEGED

Committal proceedings of the case, in which Lau Tin-po, 78, and Hui Lei-ching, 33, farmer, were charged with uttering a counterfeit 5-cent coin, were begun before Mr. H. C. Macnamara on Saturday.

First defendant was additionally charged with possession of 18 counterfeit 5-cent coins and a mould which might have been used to make the coins.

Det. Sgt. N.B. Fraser, prosecuting, said that on Feb. 22 defendants went to a fruit hawker's stall at Temple Street. The stall was kept by a woman, who had almost lost her eyesight, during her husband's absence.

Accused were alleged to have each bought a cent worth of fruit and tendered two 5-cent coins. They went to another cooked food stall, where the first accused bought a cent of food. He tendered another coin which was accepted.

At this stage a Chinese detective, who was trailing them all the time, came up and arrested them. They went back to the fruit stall where they took from the woman the two counterfeit coins which were alleged to have been uttered by defendants.

Police were taken to Sha Tin where they found a mould near an unnumbered hut where first defendant lived.

Further evidence was adjourned until this morning.

HEARING FIXED

Hearing of the case, in which Fung Shu, 28, carpenter, Lau Kwai Piu, 20, cooler, Lo Kwong, 38, houseboy, and Leung Juk, 42, were charged with robbery by two or more, was fixed for Wednesday afternoon by Mr. Anderson on Saturday.

It was alleged that defendants robbed an amah at No. 307 Prince Edward Road of \$1,000 Chinese currency belonging to her master Chan Chi-man, on Jan. 29.

Det. Sgt. G.W. Morrison is in charge of the case.

A RUSE THAT FAILED

Alleged to have attempted to cheat a woman by means of a forged document, Sin Hung, 25, musician, was charged before Mr. Anderson on Saturday with demanding money with a forged letter.

Det. Sgt. C. Downman said that he was instructed to ask that accused be committed to the Criminal Sessions.

It was stated that complainant, Cheung Muk-lin, a married woman, received letters from her husband regularly every week from Shanghai. She recognised his hand-writing.

On the morning of Feb. 22, she found a letter lying in the doorway. The letter, which was supposed to have been sent by her husband, instructed her to pay \$100 to a visitor who would have an identification card which was enclosed in the letter.

The woman was immediately suspicious of the letter as a forgery because the letter was written with a Chinese pen which had never been done by her husband before. Her suspicion was confirmed when she discovered that the envelope was originally written with a foreign pen and covered up by the Chinese ink.

On the following afternoon defendant visited the woman, and

SUCCESSFUL
TENDERERS
NOTIFIED

The following names of successful tenderers are notified in the Government Gazette:—

For erection of chain link type fence at Kai Tak Airport—Messrs. Nam Hing & Co.

For installation of one fire pump and monitor also routine slipping and repairs at No. 1 Police launch—Messrs. W.S. Bailey & Co., Ltd.

For repairs to S.I. Kwong Lee—Messrs. W.S. Bailey & Co., Ltd.

For Wo Hop Shek cemetery road—Messrs. Kwan On & Co.

For Stubbs Road—reconstruction at Magazine Gap—Messrs. Tak Hing & Co.

For Chinese cemeteries—Messrs. Sang Lee & Co.

For new fence around Kam Tin Refugee Camp, New Territories—Messrs. Sang Tai & Co.

For undergrowth clearing—Messrs. Hon Kee.

For making, clearing and repairing forestry paths and fire barriers, 1941—Messrs. Hon Kee.

For supplying blacksoil and turfing—Messrs. Shing Loong.

For the supply of labour and stores, Botanical and Forestry Department—Mr. Li Kau.

FILIPINO CLUB
MEETING OFF

The annual meeting of the Filipino Club was not held yesterday, the number of members attending being insufficient to form the required quorum.

POLICE REPORTS

Mr. F. Xavier, of No. 50, Macdonnell Road, reports that \$140 worth of property was stolen from his house on Friday.

Mr. C. Brown, Chief Officer of S.S. Macao, has reported that while purchasing cinema tickets at King's Theatre on Friday, he had his wallet containing \$50 in money and a driver's licence picked from his pocket.

Two Chinese females, one seriously injured and one dead, were found lying at the bottom of a cliff in Tin Wah Village, Aberdeen, on Friday.

The injured is a 8-year-old girl, Lai Mui, who was admitted to Queen Mary Hospital in a serious condition. She was found lying beside the body of an unidentified Chinese woman aged about 45, believed to be her mother.

The Police believed it to be a suicide pact between mother and child.

Miss O. Archangelsky, residing at No. 169, Boundary Street, has reported the loss of a bracelet, valued at \$100, while travelling on a bus from her residence to the Peninsula Hotel on Friday evening.

Mr. Dennis Montalto, of No. 74, Waterloo Road, while travelling on a bus on Saturday evening, discovered that his wallet had been extracted from his hip pocket. A Chinese passenger has been detained by the Police.

produced a card same as the one enclosed.

The woman purposely delayed accused by saying that her daughter had gone for the money and in the meantime sent the boy to inform the Police.

Further hearing was adjourned until tomorrow afternoon.

D. O. SOUTH

BAIL ESTREATED

Defendant's bail of \$50 was ordered estrated by Mr. S. F. Balfour, on Saturday, when Chan Yee, a widow, failed to appear to answer the charge of keeping a brothel at an unnumbered house at Tai San Street, Cheung Chau, a brothel on March 7.

UNLICENSED HAWKER

When Chan Fuk failed to appear before Mr. Balfour, on Saturday, to answer the charge of hawking without a licence, at Cheung Chau Market on March 7, his bail of \$1 was ordered to be estrated.

CAUTIONED

For stealing five pieces of used timber a house under construction, at Tai San Back Street, Cheung Chau, on March 7, the property of Leung Sang, Ng Tai was discharged with a caution when he appeared before Mr. Balfour on Saturday.

Sub-Inspector McMahon prosecuted in all three cases.

A.R.P. Census
This Week

Some 3,500 air raid warden will take part in the forthcoming semi-official census of the Colony population which will include also street-sleepers.

Each warden has been allotted a certain number of houses and the particulars required of each house are tenant's name, race, number of persons and age.

To facilitate the work of A.R.P. wardens, it is proposed to issue special Discs to all those who may like cover in Government-erected A.R.P. shelters and tunnels.

On each disc will be inscribed the place and number of the shelter or tunnel to which the holder will have to proceed in the event of an emergency but, it was pointed out at the same time, that a holder is caught some distance from his or her particular shelter he or she will not be denied admittance to the nearest public shelter or tunnel.

The Anderson Air Raid Shelters, many of which are available in the Colony, had only been bought by 20 persons so far, it has been learned. It is pointed out, for general interest, that these shelters have proved of great value in bombed areas in England and each shelter, accommodating between six and eight persons, cost \$147.

URBAN COUNCIL
MEETING

At the fortnightly meeting of the Urban Council to be held tomorrow at 4.15 p.m. the following applications will be considered:—

Food shop licence for No. 56 Robinson Road, ground floor; laundry licence for No. 10 Stanley Street, basement; addition of flour packing to the food preserving licence for No. 418 Des Voeux Road West, ground floor; food preserving licence for No. 467 Queen's Road West; and milk shop licence for No. 56, Robinson Road, ground floor.

IMMIGRATION
INQUIRY

The examination of witnesses by the Commissioners appointed to inquire into the affairs of the Immigration Department will be conducted in public in the Council Chamber, Colonial Secretariat, tomorrow at 11 a.m.

The Chairman of the Commission is His Honour Sir Atholl MacGregor and the Commissioners are Mr. C. Bernard Brown, Mr. D. Drummond and Mr. H.K. Woo, with Mr. K.M.A. Barnett as Secretary.

EXPERTS LEAVING
FOR LANTAU IS.
ON 2-DAY TOUR

A group of experts is leaving for Lantau Island today and will stay there for two days selecting sites for the proposed Village Settlements.

Following this, construction of a Medical Administration Hut and a Reception Hut will commence immediately, including the laying on of water supplies.

The Reception Hut, when finished, will be used to house the first batch of 200 persons, pending erection by themselves of their own dwellings on the lines of those constructed at the Tai Hang Squatters' Camp at Jardine's Look-Out.

At the same time, investigations will also be made into the possibility of constructing a road from the northern end of Silver Mine Bay to Man Tin, in order that the settlers may obtain ready access to the ferry service from Silver Mine Bay to Hongkong and Kowloon.

9-MILE ROAD

This proposed road will be at least nine miles in length, as the crow flies. Eventually, a bus service may be instituted to serve this road and there may be other mechanised transport for the benefit of the settlers.

The same preliminary work will be done concurrently to the Hebe Haven neighbourhood of Port Shelter.

5,000 PEOPLE

It is hoped to get at least 5,000 people to migrate to Lantau Island, and to attain this end, every effort will be made with the co-operation of the District Watch Committees, through the Family Settlement Sub-Committee, headed by Mr. Li Jowson, to attract settlers to go there voluntarily.

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JAPAN MUST WITHDRAW
FROM AXIS TO IMPROVE
TIES WITH U.S.A.

Close observers of Far Eastern affairs visiting in Manila are fully in accord with press dispatches from Washington to the effect that Japan must withdraw from her Axis alliance if she wants to improve relations with the United States, reports the Manila Bulletin.

One commentator went so far as to suggest that "Japan is about to become a victim of Axis treachery" asserting that there is but one escape for Japan, and that is to change sides now.

William A. Moore, editor of The Statesman, a daily newspaper published in Calcutta and Delhi, said last night at the Manila Hotel that "if only the very large element in Japanese political life, which sees the danger of the present policy, could take some effective action so as to get their country to draw back and quit the Axis powers, that would be a magnificent thing for Japan."

The editor, who arrived by clipper from Hongkong, likened Japan's position to one "riding a tiger and can't get off." He said that Japan's situation is in some ways like Italy's in June.

SEMI-EXHAUSTED CONDITION

"Already in a semi-exhausted condition after its Abyssinian adventure and faced with the depression in Europe, Italy felt she had to go in because she thought Germany was about to win," the Calcutta editor explained. "Italy thought it wouldn't be necessary to fight. In this she has been rudely deceived, that is to say, her calculations have miscarried completely."

"Japan is in an exhausted condition after the China adventure. Short of materials and supplies, she would like to give up but has committed herself to the Axis group and feels she must continue. So like Italy she is banking on a German victory, hoping that somehow it will save a policy which otherwise appears to be in ruins."

MADE POLICY

"Her policy has been made for her by extremists in the army. The navy has a better estimate of England's strength and her powers of resistance. Now the army, having failed, turned around to the navy and says, 'We are semi-exhausted but you are fresh. You must save the situation for us by victories in the south seas instead of the victories which we failed to produce in China.'"

"There is no doubt there are large elements in Japan which thoroughly dislike the whole adventure and are filled with misgivings but the trouble is that the adventurers are in control and are desperate."

INDIA'S PART

Mr. Moore is flying to the United States and thence to London "to have a look at what's going on." He is making the trip largely for the Empire Press Union (India, Burma and Ceylon branch), of which he is the president.

He said that India is giving the fullest backing to England, producing shells, rifles and machine-guns. India is also building ships and is starting to build airplanes with American help. One airplane factory is being organized in Bangalore.

One commentator said that when Germany struck her blow for the domination of Europe, she had eyes not alone on her neighbours on the continent but also on the Netherlands East Indies. When Germany invaded Holland, she missed gathering in the NEI by a costly mistake.

SELDOM COMMITTED

"The error was one seldom committed by Germany: she underestimated her opponent," the visitor averred. "In this case, the Indies governor had long been apprehensive and had made his plans, thorough plans. He merely put his plan into operation as soon as he heard the news of the invasion of Holland—he 'blitzkrieged' the German fifth column in its tracks."

"Germany had planned to create in the Far East a major threat to the British empire, a threat which would force Britain to divide her efforts between Europe and the Australian sphere. Germany had also planned that her occupation of the Netherlands East Indies would serve as a direct warning to the United States to remain strictly neutral or else fight to save the Philippines from being scooped up with the Indies."

BITTER BLOW

"Germany's loss of the Indies was a bitter blow, but Germany has now turned to her other favourite trick, that of making somebody else do her work for her. For nearly a year, German 'advisers' have been extremely busy in Japan. It is obvious, of course, what kind of 'advice' is being given. Germany is urging Japan to plunge southward. The German promise to Japan can be nothing but 'Asia for Japan' Europe for Germany."

Japan is now witnessing the disturbing spectacle of the fate of Italy, another German catpaw, and the Japanese would do well to question the motives behind Germany's advice and promises, the reporter was told.

DRIVE HANDICAPPED

"Germany must succeed in beating Britain to her knees, but the growing extent of American aid to Britain is more and more handicapping the German drive," the visitor pointed out. "Germany is urging Japan to move south into the Dutch East Indies in the hope that the United States will be forced to commit her fleet, her manpower, and her resources in the Far East."

"Japan's predicament in such a conflict would be a fight for her existence, with Chiang Kai-shek ready to take advantage of the slightest weakening of her forces in China and with Russia ready to pounce down from the north to take Saghalien, Korea, Port Arthur, and enough of Manchukuo to round out her frontiers."

DOUBLE-CROSS IMMINENT

"Japan may not know that Germany merely wants to involve the United States in an all out war in the Far East so that she can subdue England, her last foe in Europe. Neither may Japan realize that should Germany succeed in crushing England, she would then blandly let Japan struggle alone, saying, 'Germany took Europe alone with German troops; you will have to take Asia with Japanese troops.'"

"Clearly, these are the intentions of Germany, a double-cross for Japan. There is but one escape for Japan, and that is to change sides now. Japan's only hope for a truly benevolent new order in Asia is through immediate co-operation with the United States and the Netherlands in coming to an honourable peace with China."

"NO INFLATION TO PAY FOR WAR"

The acting Australian Prime Minister and Federal Treasurer, Mr. A. W. Fadden, said that the one method for financing the next Budget which was irrevocably rejected as far as he was concerned was inflation of the nation's money supply.

"If we adopted that policy, Hitler and his gang might benefit. The great majority of Australians certainly would not," Mr. Fadden said.

"Our fundamental problem is one not of money, but of production. The more we can enlarge the volume of real production, the lighter will be the burden of war costs. A liberal monetary policy, such as the Government has followed, is essential to the attainment of a maximum output."

Mr. Fadden said that it had been stated that the boiler-makers and ironworkers had decided to continue their ban on overtime because he had promised higher taxation in the next Budget. It was entirely an inference by those unions themselves that their members, or anybody else, would be subjected to higher taxation in the next Budget.

290,000 More To Work

"While it is clear that war expenditure will continue rising in the period ahead, and that the next Budget will be bigger than the last, it is for Parliament to decide how funds will be raised," Mr. Fadden continued.

He added that aggregate employment in Australia had increased by 290,000 (13.5 per cent.) in the past 18 months.

This represented an absorption into civil employment of at least 220,000 people.

He believed that Australia could go considerably further along the same lines.

"We must recognise, however, that our resources are not unlimited," Mr. Fadden said. "As the strain upon them grows, more and more productive effort must be changed over to essential things."

"I am concerned with this basic economic problem even more than with the Budget as such."

"Upon our success in maintaining a smooth and expansive flow of economic activity depends our ability to meet the higher costs, not only of war, but of increased pensions, family endowment, and the like. That is what makes co-operation between all industrial classes so vitally important."

Mr. Fadden said businessmen and all who were engaged in directing enterprise were under an obligation to meet the situation resolutely and not be deterred by uncertain prospects.

Everyone, employers and employees alike, must put the national interests before individual interests in all things. So far, business confidence had been as steady as a rock. Let Australia ensure that it would continue so.

POWER ALCOHOL SUPPLIES

Representations from Tasmania urging the use of that State's timber resources in the production of substitute motor fuel have impressed members of the Power Alcohol Committee of Inquiry.

The committee recently concluded a four-day meeting at Canberra, during which it critically examined a mass of evidence and detailed information on the possibilities of large-scale production of power alcohol in Australia.

A further meeting, to be held before Easter, will be necessary to attempt to reconcile conflicting views on some points.

STEPS TAKEN

Although steps already taken in Australia will this year double the output of power alcohol from molasses, the committee is already agreed that a further increase is possible. It is understood that it considers sugar, wheat, and timber to be the best economic sources of supply for this country.

It has been stated on behalf of Tasmanian interests that waste timber from Tasmanian paper mills might offer a cheap supply of raw material.

This suggestion "will be investigated by one of several sub-committees into which the main committee has been divided until it meets again for final consideration of the report which will be presented to the Government."

Although members of the committee are understood to be agreed that large-scale production of power alcohol is in Australia's interest, the stumbling block continues to be unavoidably heavy establishment costs.

Chinese Motion Picture Industry In South Seas

Chinese talking pictures in Mandarin and with themes on the war of resistance and national reconstruction are greatly welcomed by the Chinese in the South Sea regions, declared Mr. Lo Ming-yu, General Manager of the China Films Corporation and Chairman of the Hongkong Branch of the China Educational Films Association, in an interview with CENTRAL NEWS.

Mr. Lo has made an extended tour of British Malaya, Thailand and Burma during the last three months to study the Chinese movie business there with a view to its development. He returned here a few days ago from Chungking where he had reported his mission to the Central authorities.

Mr. Lo highly lauded the better taste of the overseas Chinese in those countries in the field of motion pictures. He said that Cantonese "talkies" with fantastic stories which won wide popularity there before are now gradually being squeezed out of the market by the Mandarin pictures on the war and national reconstruction.

TO FORM BRANCH

Mr. Lo revealed that to further promote education by means of motion pictures in Singapore, preparations are being made for the formation of a branch of the China Educational Film Association in that port. One wealthy Chinese in Singapore has decided to establish several theatres in various places in Malaya for screening Chinese pictures. In Thailand, the Chairman of the Chaochow Guild, Mr. Chen Ching-chuan, is building a large theatre also for showing Chinese pictures.

Mr. Lo said that while in Chungking he was greatly impressed by the untiring efforts of the authorities to develop the motion picture industry as a means of propaganda. Both the Central Motion Picture Studio under the Central Publicity Board and the China Motion Picture Studio under the Political Affairs Board of the National Military Council are working overtime to increase their productions.

CHINA LECTURE MEETINGS IN SHELTERS

The China Campaign Committee, co-operating with the London Evening Institute and the London County Council authorities, are organising China lecture meetings accompanied, wherever possible, by film shows and lantern slides in underground public air raid shelters within the metropolitan area.

As there are thousands of large and small shelters throughout London, large scale arrangement of such meetings requires organisation and more speakers, films, slides and literature for giving true information about China, the Chinese people and the Chinese culture.

The suggestion occurred to the China Campaign Committee from experience in mid-January when certain Chinese residents in London, invited by the professional London County Council lecturer addressed meetings in shelters on China.

It turned out that the audience was most appreciative, warmly welcoming the educational pastime to dispel monotony during air raids and black-outs. This afforded an excellent opportunity for promoting further understanding between the Chinese and British peoples who share common suffering from air bombings in their fight against aggression. (Central News).

IMPORTANCE OF INFANTRY

"Teach the troops only what is necessary for them to know during wartime, and teach them as if they were under actual war conditions."

This is the keynote of an order regarding military training in 1941 issued by Marshal Timoshenko, Soviet Defence Commissar.

Marshal Timoshenko stresses the importance of infantry in modern warfare, and urges that arms should be so co-ordinated as to secure the maximum advantage for the infantry, "which is the deciding factor in modern battles."

The newspaper Red Star, organ of the Red Army, declares that "without good infantry, victory can never be achieved in modern warfare."

According to Marshal Timoshenko, another pre-requisite for victory is discipline, which he describes as the chief strength of the army, and adds that it is necessary to increase the authority of the commanders.

Millionaire's Hell Voyage

Starving and exhausted, an American millionaire and six other men have reached the Bahamas after a fifty-eight days' "hell voyage" across the Atlantic in a yacht.

For seven weeks they had to rely on sails. Their engine and their radio had been smashed by a storm. Part of the time they drifted helplessly in a gale which ripped their sails.

At one stage they were reduced to eating pancakes made of nothing more than flour and water fried in engine oil.

An Italian submarine stopped the yacht, turned its guns on her, and then let her go.

The millionaire is Mr. A. B. Clarke, who bought the 145-ton yacht Noroit from Earl Beatty.

He sailed from Falmouth against the advice of friends and experts after failing to obtain other means of transport to the United States.

His scratch crew consisted of three Britons and three Danes. One of the Britons was Norman Harry Middleton. He was on holiday at Dartmouth when he met Clarke, who invited him to join the crew.

"I deeply regret the wild excursion," said Middleton. "We were rained off when we struck terrific gales which wiped out the radio and engines and ripped the sails."

"We drifted for three weeks before landing at Madeira."

"No one really knew navigation, and we went miles off our course."

"Our food soon ran out and I had to fry flour and water pancakes in engine oil."

"Half way through the voyage Clarke sent a man over the side to change the name of the yacht from Noroit to Marie."

"He did not say why."

"Next day we were stopped by an Italian submarine, which came within twenty yards and turned guns on us as though deciding whether we should be destroyed or not."

"The only other enemy craft we encountered were two German motor torpedo boats near Brest. They scrutinised our American flags closely."

"I haven't had any food for days."

The men are now in trouble with the Bahamas immigration authorities. Clarke wants to leave the yacht and go to Miami, U.S.A., but the authorities insist that he can't unless he first deposits his crew's fares to England.

Middleton, former hotel proprietor, was promoter for the famous British boxer Jimmy Wilde, once fly-weight champion of the world.

HONGKONG SHARE QUOTATIONS

STOCK EXCHANGE SHAREBROKERS' ASSOCIATION

Buyers	Sellers	Sales	Nominal	SATURDAY 8 MARCH	Buyer	Sellers	Sales	Nominal
				Banks				
\$1340		\$1345		H.K. Banks				\$1345
				Do (Col. Reg.)				\$27
				Do (Lon. Reg.)				\$76
				Chartered Banks				\$23
				Mercantile Bks. "A"				\$23
				Mercantile Bks. "C"				\$21 1/2
\$75				Bank of East Asia	\$76			
				N. C. & S. Banks	15 cts			
				Insurance				
				Canton Insurance				\$215
\$417 1/2				Union Insurance	\$416			
				Underwriters	75 cts			
				H.K. Fire				\$170
				Shipping				
				Douglases				\$125
				Steamboats				\$84
				Indo-China (Fre.)				\$100
				Indo-China (Def.)				\$60
				Shells				\$43/9
				Waterboats				\$7
				Docks, Wharves, Godowns, etc.				
				H.K. & K. Wharves				\$85
\$52				Providents				\$5.75
				H.K. Docks (Old)				\$17 1/2
				H.K. Docks (New)				\$56 1/2
				Shanghai Docks				
				Mining				
				Kailash				17/0
				Rauts				\$8
				Hong Kong Mines				
				Lands, Hotels and Buildings				
				H.K. & S. Hotels	\$3.30			\$3.40
				H.K. Lands	\$3 1/2			
\$27 1/2				Do. 4% Debentures				\$97 1/2
				Shanghai Lands				\$3.15
				H.K. Realities				\$6.70
				Humphreys				
				Chinese Estates				
				Cotton Mills				
				Ewo (S.)				\$41
				S'hai Cottons (S.)				\$200
				Zoong Sing (S.)				\$135
				Wing On Textiles (S.)				
				Public Utilities				
				H.K. Tramways				\$164
				Peak Trams (old)				\$7.40
				Peak Trams (new)				\$32
				Star Ferries				\$54
				V'ntai Ferries				\$23.65
				China Lights (O)	\$6.15			
\$6.15				China Lights (New)	\$1.65			
				H. K. Electric (Old)				\$41
				H. K. Electric (New)				\$40.90
				Macao Electric (Old)				
				Macao Electric (New)				
				Sandakan Lights				
				Telephones (old)	\$24			
				Telephones (new)				\$9
				S'pore Tractions (Ord.)				
				Industries				
				Cald, Macg. (Ord.) S.				
				Cald, Macg. (Pref.) S.				75 cts
				Canton Ice				\$16.90
				H.K. Rope				\$8.10
				H.K. Govt. Loans				
				4% Loan				\$97 1/2
				5 1/2% " (1934)				\$85
				5 1/2% " (1940)				
				Miscellaneous				
				Dairy Farms				\$18
				Entertainments	\$7.10			
				Constructions (old)				\$1.65
				Constructions (new)				\$7 1/2
				Lane Crawford				
				Nanyang Tobacco	\$3.80			
				Sincere	\$2.15			
				Watsons	\$10.70			\$10.70
				Ch. G. 5% 1925 G.Bds.				26 1/2
				I. K. Wing On				\$42
				S'hai Wing On				\$14
				Wibro Filing				\$8
				Margana Inv. (H.K.)				
				Wm. Powell				\$1.90
				China Lights (Rights)				
				+Sale to Shanghai				

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HONGKONG TO PUSH SALES OF CHINA'S WARTIME BONDS

In response to Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek's appeal made on Mar. 4, the Hongkong Liberty Bonds Campaign Committee in Chungking, has arrived in Hongkong. He has conferred with Sir Shouson Chow, Mr. Cheng Tien-ju, Manager of the Hongkong Bank of China, Mr. Chen Tung-pu, General Manager of the Bank of East Asia, and Mr. Li Sing-ku, well known Chinese merchant here, on the matter.

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On London:—	
Telegraphic Transfer 1/2 7/8	
Bank Bills on demand 1/2 7/8	
Credits 4 months sight	
On Shanghai:—	
On demand	435
On Singapore:—	
On demand	52 3/4
On Japan:—	
On demand	102 1/2
On India:—	
Telegraphic Transfer	82 1/2
and demand	82 1/2
On New York:—	
Bank Bills on demand 24 1/8	
Credits 60 days sight 24 7/8	
On Batavia:—	
On demand	45 1/4
On Paris:—	
Bank Bills on demand Nom.	
Credits 4 months sight Nom.	
On Saigon:—	
On demand	104 1/2
On Manila:—	
On demand	48 1/4
On Bangkok:—	
On demand	149 1/2
On Sterling Notes:—	
Bank Buying Rate Nym.	
Bar Silver per oz.	33 3/8

Market Report

FROM ROZA BROS.
March 8.
Silver prices were unchanged yesterday, the quotations remaining at 23 3/8 for Ready and 23 5/16 for Forward. Silver prices reported the market as being dull and featureless. American Silver was quoted at 34 3/4 for Spot.
The London-New York cross-rate was quoted at 402 1/2. New York-London was quoted at 403 1/2.

MARKET

Dull.
STERLING
No business was reported. There were sellers at 1/3 up to 1/4 June buyers at 1/3 1/2 for any delivery.

U. S. DOLLARS
A small business was reported at 24 5/16 for forward delivery. The market closed with sellers at 24 1/2 up to May with small buyers at 24 9/16 for forward delivery.

SHANGHAI DOLLARS
Some business was done during the course of the morning at 444 3/4 and 444 1/2. The market closed with sellers at 444 1/4. buyers at 444 3/4.

SHANGHAI MARKET
Quiet. Sellers of Sterling were reported at 323 5/4 and U.S. Dollars at 51 1/2 for Spot.

Shanghai Exchange

Shanghai, Mar. 8 (Reuter).	
Official T.T. Rates	
Opening	
London	0/3-5/16
New York	5-3/8
Japan	22-3/4
India	18-3/8
Paris	nominal
Hongkong	22

Sterling	
Spot	0/3-23/64
Mar.	0/3-23/64
Apr.	0/3-11/32
U.S. Dollars	
Spot	\$5-1/2
Mar.	5-15/32
Apr.	5-15/32
Market:—Quiet.	

Silver Duty Rate
The Central Bank of China's rate on London at 10 a.m. today was 1/2-1/24.
The Equalisation rate was 24 per cent.

Calcutta Exchange

Calcutta, Mar. 8 (Reuter).
T.T. on Japan, 81-1/4.

India Rupee Paper

Bombay, Mar. 8 (Reuter).
Govt. 3 1/2 Rupee, 94-12-0.

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE

March 8:
Nothing of any note took place during the morning.

BUYERS	
Union Trns.	\$417.50
Lands 4% Debentures	\$97.50
Lights (Old)	\$6.15
SELLERS	
Docks (Old)	\$17.60
Hotels	\$3.40
Trams	\$16.75
Lights (Old)	\$8.25
SALES	
Lights (Old)	\$6.20

NEW YORK COMMODITY MARKET
(REUTER'S SERVICE)

NEW YORK, March 8, 1941.	High	Low	Prev. Close	Today's Close	Change
New York Cotton, May	10.55	10.49	10.49	10.50	.01 up
New York Rubber, May	21.20	21.05	21.30	21.15b	.15 off
Chicago Wheat, May	85 1/2	84 1/2	85 1/2	85 1/2	1/2 up
Chicago Corn, May	62	61 1/2	61 1/2	61 1/2	1/2 up
New York Hides, June	13.78	13.72	13.77	13.75	.02 off

NEW YORK COTTON	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
March	10.50/50	10.50/51	10.53/53	.03 up
May	10.49/49	10.50/52	10.50/51	.01 up
July	10.41/42	10.42/42	10.45/46	.04 up
October	10.31/31	10.23/28	10.31/31	.10 up
December	10.18/19	10.27/28	10.27/27	.09 up
January	10.16 N	10.25/25	10.25 N	.09 up
Spot	10.87		10.88	.01 up

Total sales Friday:—203,400 bales.	
The last notice day for March Cotton is 14/3/41.	

NEW YORK RUBBER	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	21.30/30	21.20/20	21.15b/18a	.15 off
July (New contract)	20.70/71	20.60/61	20.60/62	.10 off
September	20.30/30	20.15b/25a	20.15b/18a	.15 off
December	20.10 N	20.00/00	19.95 N	.15 off

Total sales for the days:—240 tons.	
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CHICAGO WHEAT	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	83 1/2/83 1/2	83 1/2/83 1/2	83 1/2/85 1/2	.12 up
July	79 1/2/80	80/80 1/2	82 1/2/82 1/2	.21 up
September	79 1/2/80		82 1/2/82 1/2	.21 up

Friday's sales:—14,950,000 bushels.	
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CHICAGO CORN	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	61 1/2/61 1/2	61 1/2/61 1/2	61 1/2/62	.1 up
July	61 1/2/61 1/2	61 1/2/61 1/2	62/62	.1 up
September	61/61		61 1/2/61 1/2	.1 up

NEW YORK HIDES	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
June	13.77/77	13.78b/89a	13.75/75	.02 off
September	13.78/79	13.70b/84a	13.77/77	.01 off

Total sales for the day:—41 contracts.	
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NEW YORK COCOA	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	6.77 N	6.80/80	6.73 N	.04 off

NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 3	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	2.29b/30a		2.30b/31a	.01 up
July	2.33b/34a		2.34b/35a	.01 up

Volume of business done:—310 lots	
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NEW YORK SUGAR NO. 4	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
May	.75b/.75a	.74b/.78a	.74b/.74a	.01 off
July	.78b/.79a	.78b/.79a	.78b/.79a	unch.

Volume of business done:—144 lots.	
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NEW YORK COPPER FUTURES	Close	Opening	Closing	Change
July	11.92/92	11.89b/98a	11.91b/94a	.01 off
N.Y. Official Silver	34-3/4		unquoted	
NY-London Cross Rate 4.03-1/2			4.03-1/2	

LONDON STOCK EXCHANGE (REUTER'S SERVICE)	London, Mar. 7.
The following quotations are the middle prices at the close of the market in London. All quotations are subject to confirmation and no responsibility is assumed for errors in transmission.	

War Loan, 3 1/2% (Red, after 1952)	104-1/4
Defence Loan, 3%	101 1/2
London-K'loon Rly, 5%	11
Chinese 4 1/2% Gold Loan 1898 (Brit. Issue)	42
Chinese 5% Gold Bonds, 1925/47	40-44
Chin. 4 1/2% Anglo-French Loan, 1908	45
Chinese 5% Crisp Loan, 1912	24
Chinese 5% Reorg. Loan, 1913 (Ldn. Is.)	31
Chinese 3% Ster. Notes, 1925 (Vickers)	8-10
Chin. Imperial Rly, 5% Loan	47
Honan Rly, 5%	14
Hukuang Rly 5%, 1911 (L.P. N.Y. Issue)	14
Hukuang Rly, 5%, 1911 (German Issue)	12
Lung Tsing & U. Hal Rly, 5% 1913	12
Shai-N'King Rly, 5%	14
Tientsin-Pukow Rly, 5% (Brit. Stpd.)	12
Tientsin-Pukow Rly, 5% (German Stpd.)	12
Tientsin-Pukow Rly, 5% (Brit. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	12
Tientsin-Pukow Rly, 5% (Ger. Stpd. Supl. Loan)	12
Jap. 5% Ster. Loan, 1924	23 1/2-26
Ger. 7% Intl. Loan, 1924	51
Chartered Bank	88
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Ldn. Reg.)	75
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col. Reg.)	77
Chinese Eng. & Mining (bearer)	17/-
Chosen Corporation	4/-
Mercantile Bank of India, 2 1/2, "G"	11-1/8
Pekin Syndicate	1/6
Shai Elec. Constr. Co.	12/6
Shai Waterworks "A"	12
Union Insurance	24
Gula Kalumpung Rubber	15/9
Lon. Mid. & Scot. Rly	11 1/2
Great Western Rly.	31 1/2
National Bank of India	32 1/2
B.-A. Tob. (bearer)	87/6

LONDON METALS EXCHANGE	London, Mar. 7 (Reuter).
Tin, Standard, Cash, Middle Price, £267-1/8.	
Tin, Standard, 3 months, Middle Price, £268-3/8.	
Market steady on fair demand for spot, probably against smelter sales to consumers.	

SILVER MARKET	BOMBAY SILVER
Bombay, Mar. 8 (Reuter).	
Market—Quiet but steady. Off-take 50 bars.	
Indian Mint Silver	
Ready	63-01
Mar. 24 Settlement	62-14
April 22 Settlement	62-14

Dunlop Rubber	31/10 1/2
Bristol Aeroplane	10/4 1/2
Imperial Chemical Ind.	28/7 1/2
United Steel	20/9
Woolworths	49/7 1/2
Marsden Investments	6/8
Western Holdings	9/3
Sub-Nigel	145/-
Shell Trans. & Trad. (bearer)	43/9
—bid	—ex. div.

Reg.)	75	Indian Mint Silver	
H.K. & S'hai Bank (Col.		Ready	63-01
Pes)	77	Mar. 24 Settlement	62-14
Chinese Eng. & Mining		April 22 Settlement	62-14

Adam's Express	5	Loew's Inc.	31 1/2
Allegheny Steel Co.	21 1/2	Loft Incorporated	18 1/2
Allis Chalmers	29 1/2	Mack Truck Inc.	27 1/2
Aluminum Ltd.	73 1/2	Marlin, Glen L.	26 1/2
Amer. Can.	84 1/2	McKesson & Robbins, pfd.	25 1/2
American Cyanamid B.	33 1/2	Montgomery Ward	37 1/2
Amer. & Foreign Power	03/16	Mt. Airy Copper Co.	3
Amer. & Foreign 7-pf.	17 1/2	National Aviation	8 1/2
Amer. Locomotive	13 1/2	Nat. Dairy Products	13 1/2
Amer. Metals Co.	17 1/2	National Distillers	21
Amer. Radiator	6 1/2	National Lead	16 1/2
Amer. Rolling Mill	14 1/2	Nat. Power & Light	7
Amer. Sling and R'ing Co.	40 1/2	National Supply Corp.	5 1/2
Amer. Sugar Refining	16 1/2	New York Central	12 1/2
Amer. Tel. & Tel.	18 1/2	Niagara Hudson Power	23
Amer. Tobacco "B"	68 1/2	N. American Aviation	14 1/2
Amer. Waterworks	5 1/2	North American Co.	15 1/2
Anacosta Copper	24 1/2	Northern Pacific	6 1/2
Acheson, T. & S. Fe.	23 1/2	Owens-Illinois Glass Co.	44 1/2
Aviation Corp.	3 1/2	Pacific Gas & Elec.	26 1/2
Baldwin Locomotive	14 1/2	Packard Motors	23 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	3 1/2	Pan-American Airways	12 1/2
Barber Asphalt Co.	8 1/2	Paramount Pictures	11 1/2
Barnsdall Oil	38	Pennsylvania R.R.	23 1/2
Bendix Aviation	78 1/2	Phillips Petroleum	36 1/2
Bethlehem Steel	18 1/2	Public Service of N.J.	26 1/2
Bills & Co.	18 1/2	Pullman Inc.	24
Boeing Airplane Co.	16	Pure Oil	7 1/2
Borg-Warner	18 1/2	Radio Corp. of Am.	4 1/2
Briggs Mfg.	22	Reading Company, Com	14
Budd Manufacturing Corp.	4	Remington Arms Co., Inc.	44 1/2
Canadian Pacific R'way	34 1/2	Republic Aviation Corp.	4 1/2
Case, J.I.	47 1/2	Republic Steel	19
Celanese	23 1/2	Revere Corp.	8 1/2
Chesapeake & Ohio	39 1/2	Reynold Tobac. "B"	32
Chrysler Corp.	65 1/2	Safeway Stores	38 1/2
Columbia Gas & Elec.	31	Schenley Distillers	9 1/2
Commercial Credit Co.	011/16	Sears Roebuck	73
Com. & Southern (Ord.)	21 1/2	Shell Union Oil	11 1/2
Consolidated Edison	51	Socomy-Vacuum Oil	8 1/2
Consolidated Oil	36 1/2	Southern Pacific	9 1/2
Continental Can	18 1/2	Southern Rly. 4 1/2 pfd.	21 1/2
Continental Oil	14 1/2	Spicer Manufacturing Co.	33 1/2
Copperweld Steel	14 1/2	Standard Brands	6 1/2
Curtiss Wright (C.)	8 1/2	Stand Gas & Elec.	0 1/2
Curtiss Wright "A"	27	Standard Oil of California	18 1/2
Deere & Co.	16 1/2	Standard Oil of N.J.	34 1/2
Distillers Corp. Seagrams	73	Stone & Webster	6 1/2
Douglas Aircraft	144 1/2	Studebaker Com.	6 1/2
Du Pont de Nemours	144 1/2	Swift International	17 1/2
Eagle Picher Lead	8 1/2	Technicolor	9
Eaton Mfg. Co.	32	Texas Corp.	35
Elect. Autolite	—	Texas Gulf Sulphur	35 1/2
Elect. Bond & Share	3 1/2	Timken-Axle	30 1/2
Elect. Bond & Share 5 1/2 pfd.	52 1/2	Trans-America Co.	41
Elect. Bond & Share 5 1/2 pfd.	59 1/2	20th Cent. Fox	6
Elect. Power & Light 7 1/2 pfd.	13 1/2	Union Bag & Paper Corp.	10 1/2
Flintkote	50	Union Carbide & Carbon	65 1/2
Gen. American Trans.	33 1/2	Union Pacific	78
Gen. Electric	43	United Aircraft	38 1/2
Gen. Motors	43 1/2	United Airlines Trans.	13 1/2
Gen. Railway Signal	13 1/2	United Corp.	1 1/2
Gen. Tire & Rubber	11 1/2	United Corp. 3 1/2 cum pfd.	26
Glidden Co.	12 1/2	United Gas Corp.	0 1/2
Goodrich (B.F.)	12 1/2	United Gas Improvement	8 1/2
Goodrich 5 1/2 pfd.	61 1/2	U.S. Industrial Alcohol	23 1/2
Goodyear Tire & Co.	18 1/2	U.S. Rubber	21 1/2
Great Northern Iron Ore	14 1/2	U.S. Rubber 3 1/2 pfd.	90 1/2
Great Northern Rly, pfd.	25	U.S. Smelting	58 1/2
Great Western Sugar	11 1/2	U.S. Steel	57 1/2
Greyhound Corp.	11 1/2	Vanadium	27 1/2
Hercules Powder Co.	69 1/2	Vulcan Aircraft	4 1/2
Homestead Mining	45 1/2	Walworth Co.	2 1/2
Int. Nickel	25 1/2	Warner Bros. Pict.	94 1/2
Inter. Paper & Power	14	Westinghouse Elec.	27 1/2
Int. Tel. & Tel.	2 1/2	Woodward Iron Cor.	—
Johnsman	58 1/2	Chase National Bank	—
Kennecott Copper	33	National City Bank	—
Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass	35 1/2	Libby, Monell & Libby	—
Lockheed Aircraft	23 1/2		

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High	152.80	111.84	30	131.19	131.67	131.30	121.47
Low	32.07	22.16	20	27.89	27.78	27.78	27.83
Dow Jones Industrial	28.45	18.03	20	18.41	18.46	18.41	18.43
Utilities	92.19	83.08	40	90.43		90.58	90.58
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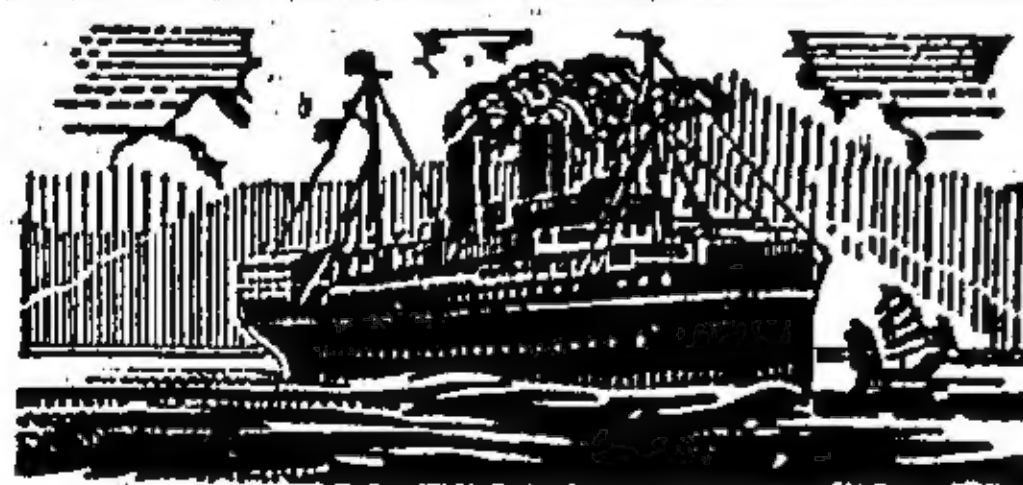
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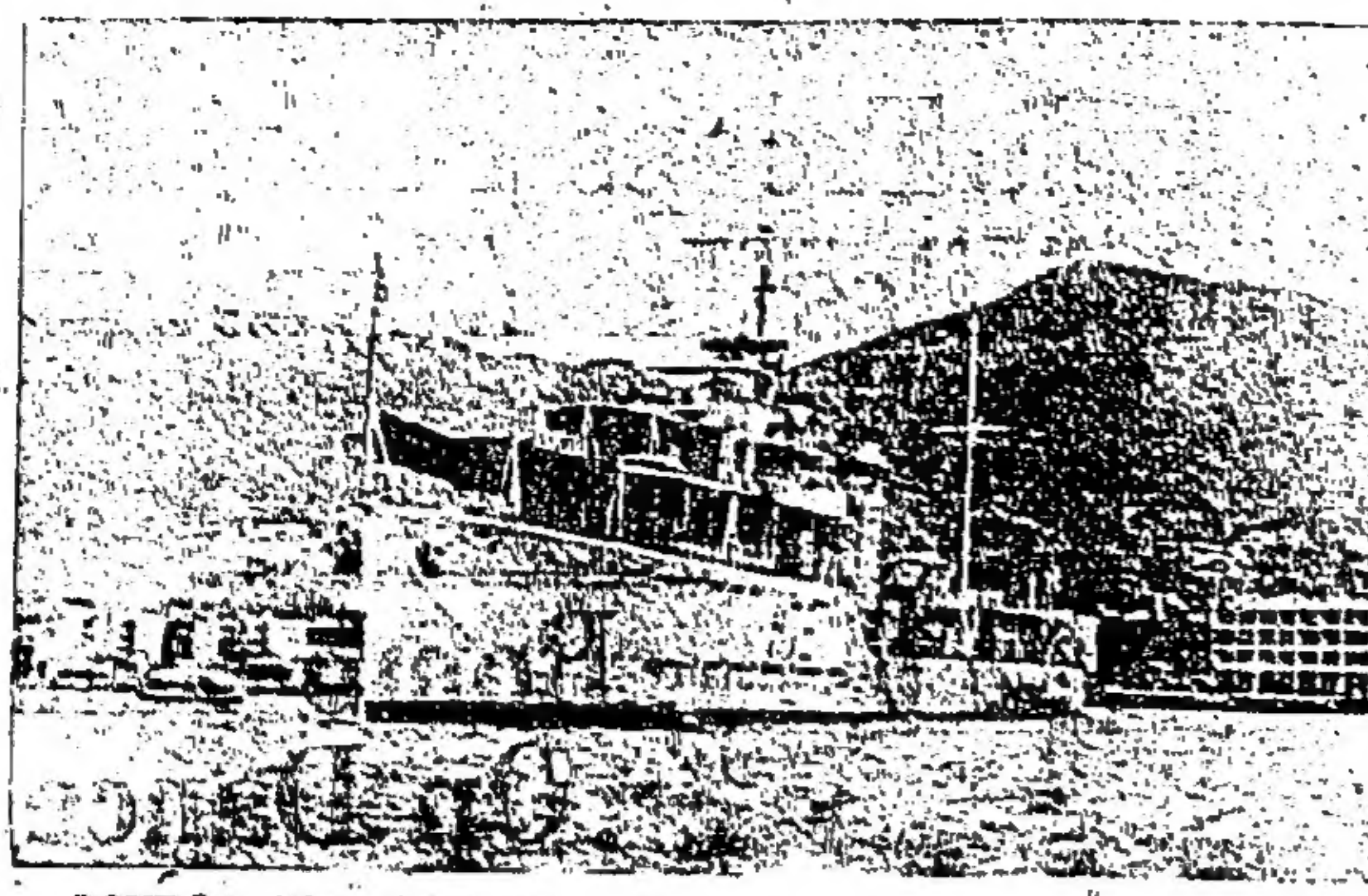
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LONDON, Mar. 7 (Reuter).—The Admiralty announces that the destroyer *Dainty* has been sunk. The next of kin of the casualties have been informed.
The *Dainty* was formerly on the China Station.

Britain's Manpower Now Fully Employed

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—Emphasis was laid in yesterday's British newspapers on the fact that Britain's unemployment statistics, which show nearly 531,000 unemployed on February 19, do not accurately represent the position.

The amount of reserve labour for industry, says *The Times*, is now very small—indeed, scarcely existent.

The industrial strength of the nation is a secret withheld from the enemy but with the knowledge that nearly 11,000,000 men and boys were engaged in insured occupations, including agriculture, before the war, the percentage now unemployed must be minute.

The Daily Telegraph states the returns present nothing better than a sorry burlesque of the progress which has been made in the mobilisation of labour and of the spirit in which the nation is meeting the calls upon its energy.

Such statistics are useless for any purpose except enemy propaganda minimising our war effort.

The Daily Mail considers the position excellent as it shows that new factories are coming into production and that the war effort is on the way to 100 per cent. capacity.

BRITISH NAVAL CONSTRUCTION**Magnificent Spurt In National Effort**

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—Some 480 warships will have been completed by Britain in twelve months of effort by the end of this month.

This was disclosed by the Financial Secretary to the Admiralty, Sir Victor Warrender, in a speech yesterday referring to the magnitude of Britain's national effort in the building of warships.

This number of warships, he said, both large and small, was more than five times as many as in any year since the start of the naval rearmament programme.

The Royal Navy, said Sir Victor Warrender, was not only getting the utmost out of every ton of new construction, but was also tending the old vessels with such skill and care that they were performing feats of endurance never expected of them by their designers.

As an instance of this, he pointed out that one destroyer spent 274 days of the first year of the war at sea and steamed over 62,000 miles.

PASSENGERS**Departures On The President Pierce**

The following were passengers on the *P. S. President Pierce* which left the Colony for the North on Friday:—

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Shipping Rumours: A Warning

In war-time it is necessary, for obvious reasons, to maintain great secrecy about the movements of shipping. This means that the particulars of mail despatches and deliveries cannot be published by the Post Office to the extent that they were in peace-time.

Rumours about shipping losses have circulated widely in Malaya for some time, and though these have nearly always turned out to be baseless, they continue to be circulated.

The origin of a number of these rumours has been traced to the inquiries of those who are anxious about their correspondence.

Hearing that a ship has been lost, or imagining that it may have been lost, they ring up the postal authorities to inquire, sometimes long before the authorities could possibly have had any information on the subject. Sometimes they mention some particular ship and the mere mention of the name is sufficient to start a rumour that this ship has been lost.

These shipping rumours should be checked, and the co-operation of the public is requested in doing so. Rumours started in the way mentioned above are just as dangerous and disturbing as those started deliberately by the enemy.

A Memorial of re-entry by the Crown on Tai Hang Stream Village Lot No. 2 has been registered according to law.

HONG KONG TIDE TABLE

From 10 to 16 Mar. 1941

		HIGH WATER		LOW WATER	
Days of Week	Date of Month	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height	Hong Kong Standard Time	Height
Mon.	10	h. m.	ft. in.	h. m.	ft. in.
		08 07	4 3	01 29	1 6
		18 47	8 6	13 24	3 6
Tues.	11	08 27	4 6	02 07	1 3
		19 44	7 0	12 27	3 1
Wed.	12	08 58	5 1	02 44	1 1
		20 37	7 2	14 16	2 6
Thurs.	13	09 28	5 5	03 18	1 0
		21 26	7 3	15 03	2 1
Fri.	14	10 01	5 9	03 54	1 0
		22 17	7 1	16 48	1 6
Sat.	15	10 38	5 2	04 37	1 3
		23 07	8 6	16 36	1 4
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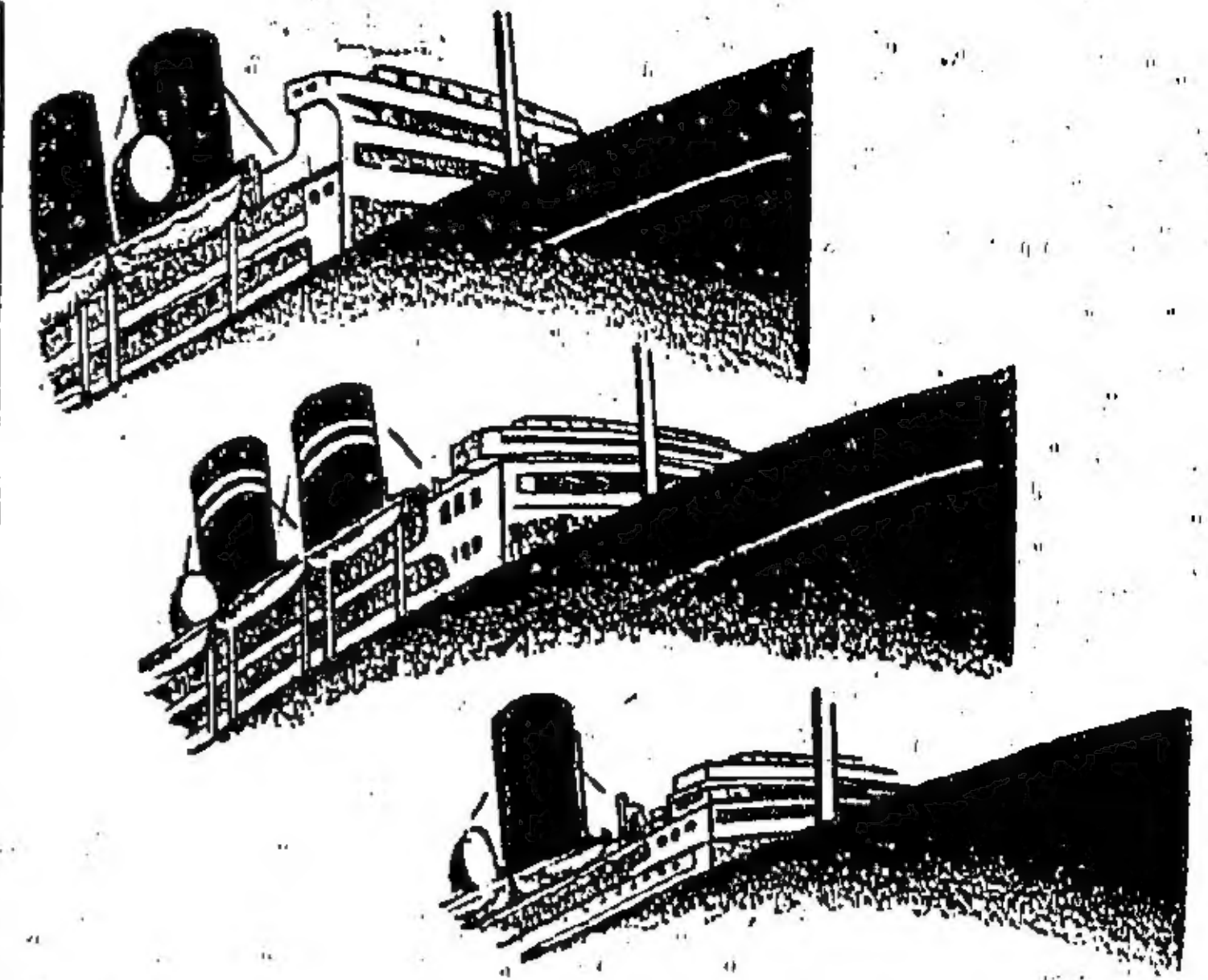
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FRANCO-THAI DISPUTE

Final Settlement Reversed

TOKYO, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—The fifth meeting of the Franco-Thai-Japanese delegates scheduled for today to initial the mediation terms have been called off reversing the expectations that a final settlement of the Franco-Thai dispute could be achieved tonight.

The delay reported from Japanese sources will be due to M. Arsene Henry's non-reception of Vichy's final instructions but optimism continues to prevail and no further developments are expected till Monday.

TERMS ACCEPTED

A report from London states that the Thai delegation accepted Japan's terms for settlement of the dispute with Indo-China yesterday morning.

The message added that the French Ambassador in Tokyo had also received instructions from Vichy yesterday morning and was to see Mr. Matsukata during the day.—(Special)

NOT SMOOTHED OUT

HANOI, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—Japanese reports of the imminent conclusion of the definite Franco-Thai agreement is unconfirmable here. The reserved official attitude leads to the belief that all difficulties encountered in the Tokyo conference has not been smoothed out yet.

JAPAN'S METHODS

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—Japan's methods as negotiator in the Thai-Indo-China dispute are examined by THE TIMES which says:

"After many last minute hesitations by France, it now appears the plan presented by the Tokyo Government for a settlement of the dispute between Thai and Indo-China has been accepted by both, and only a few details remain to be negotiated.

"A settlement will be judged by the results. Great Britain maintained, and still maintains, close relations of friendship with Thailand, and in the ordinary circumstances, there could have been no cause of this country for anything but satisfaction at a peaceful solution, favourable to her, of the dispute arising from long-standing claims against Indo-China.

HOSTILITIES AVERTED

"It can at least be put to the credit of both parties that an open outbreak of hostilities between them, which in the long run could have profited neither, has been averted.

"Despite, however, the protestations from Tokyo, it is difficult to regard the proceedings, which led to the settlement, as anything but a travesty of mediation. Japanese troops have been throughout in occupation of part of the territory of Indo-China, and this direct pressure on the spot has apparently been reinforced by peremptory demands on the Vichy Government through the medium of Berlin.

"In these circumstances, it cannot seriously be claimed either the Vichy Government or the Franco authorities on the spot were free agents, freely assenting to the negotiated settlement.

"Nor can the Thai Government, on long view, have found particularly welcome 'having' Japanese ships, troops and aeroplanes near the disputed region.

OWN ADMISSION

"Be disinterested is usually regarded as an essential qualification of a mediator, and by her own admission, Japan is by no means disinterested in the affairs in South-eastern Asia. It remains to be seen what price she proposes to exact for her services.

"But the insistence of her spokesman, that no participation by other powers in the work of mediation would be welcomed or would indeed be tolerated, does nothing to remove the suspicions created by other recent Japanese announcements on her role in this part of Asia.

"The Times traces the history of Indo-China's expansion at Siam's expense and says the territorial position under the Japanese terms will roughly be as at the beginning of the century.

"It is unfortunate that Japanese authorities throughout the negotiations should have encouraged stupid rumours that Britain is trying to prevent a settlement.

PERVERSE INGENUITY

"The inspired Press exercised perverse ingenuity in accusing this country of every kind of machination. The report that an army supplied by Generalissimo Chiang Kai-shek replaced Indian troops in the defence of Burma.

British Troops Penetrate 150 Miles In Abyssinia

The latest communique from Cairo states that British troops operating from Italian Somaliland have penetrated nearly 150 miles into Abyssinia and that they have occupied an Italian post on the main road from Mogadishu, states a London message.

This is pinning the Italians in the centre of Abyssinia. In the meantime, Abyssinian troops operating from the west are pursuing the Italians into the latter.

The number of prisoners is increasing daily.

On the Libyan and Eritrean fronts there were no land operations of any importance to report.

TRIPOLI HARBOUR RAID

An R.A.F. communique states that the R.A.F. on Friday attacked Tripoli harbour and bombs were seen to burst on the railway line.

In Italian East Africa the R.A.F. damaged the road to Asmara while South African bombers gutted two oil dumps to the south of Asmara.—(Special)

IMPERIAL LOSSES IN SOMALILAND CAMPAIGN

LONDON, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—While official figures are not yet available it is known that only 150 to 200 of the Imperial forces were killed in the Italian Somaliland campaign.

They include South Africans, West Africans, East Africans, Indian and British troops.

Under 30 South Africans were killed.

Smallness of the losses is attributed to good generalship, training, air force and artillery co-operation and armoured cars which demoralised the enemy.

PUNJAB PROVINCE AND RECRUITMENT

LAHORE, Mar. 9 (Reuter).—The policy of the Punjab Government regarding recruitment in the services was explained in the course of a speech by Sir Sikandar Hyat Khan, Premier of the Punjab Assembly.

Analysing the figures for the various communities in the different departments, Sir Sikandar Hyat said that taking into consideration all gazetted appointments in the Province the share of the Muslims was 44 per cent, the Hindus 36.2 per cent, and the Sikhs 19.6 per cent.

NEW DELHI, Mar. 9 (Reuter)

—The Commander-in-Chief noted with appreciation, says a communique, the offer made by members of the Bar in every district of the North-west Frontier Province to take up, without fees, cases in which a soldier serving overseas or their families at home may be involved.

although officially denied, was also put about in order to keep alive the anti-British feeling in Tokyo.

"If Japan complains of unmerited suspicions excited by the Japanese policy, the Japanese championships of friendships with the Axis certainly does best to foster these suspicions in Great Britain and Australia.

"The British view has been made known by Mr. Churchill to the Japanese Ambassador in London, and by the Australian Premier in a vigorous public speech.

"Mr. Menzies' words were at first misunderstood even by some friends at home. Nobody, however, who heard the speech delivered, could possibly have taken it for the utterances of a trimmer or appeaser.

APPEAL FOR FRANKNESS

"It was a straightforward appeal for frankness and the elimination of pretence from the international relations. Mr. Menzies wants words and deeds to correspond with one another. Where countries have conflicting or rival interests, he wants to see them reciprocally stated and discussed. He is ready to put the cards on the table. But obviously both parties must do that or neither can do it."

FRENCH FLEET IN INDO-CHINA

TOKYO, March 9 (Reuter).—Twenty-one thousand and five hundred tons of French submarines together with a tank vessel arrived in Saigon from France on Thursday, according to a semi-official Japanese report.

These U-boats, which are reported to have left France in October last, have immediately joined the French Indo-China fleet.

Bomb Falls On Dance Hall

Enemy air activity over Britain on Saturday night and casualties were heavier than of late, states an Air Ministry communique, quoted in a London message.

Soon after dark, enemy aircraft crossed the south coast and London was again the main target of the raid. Flares, high explosive and incendiary bombs were dropped but all the fires were promptly dealt with.

DANCERS TRAPPED

One explosive fell on a dance hall the inside of which received the full force. Many of the dancers, including girls, were trapped under the debris but by midnight they were all extricated.

Those taking part in the rescue work included a number of soldiers, a young Dutch member of the Fleet Air Arm and a nurse who was off duty.

Three volunteer firemen, a policeman and a roof spotter were killed at their posts.—(Special)

TERRIFIC A.A. FIRE

A formation of 15 German fighters and bombers attempted to raid the S.E. coast yesterday morning, states a London message.

There was a terrific barrage of A.A. fire and the raiders were split up and turned back almost as soon as they reached the coast. Some bombs were dropped in open country.—(Special)

FEB. AIR RAID CASUALTIES

LONDON, March 9 (Reuter).—The casualties for February are much the lowest since the heavy bombing began, the number killed being not much over half those for January, which were less than half the December figures and compare with nearly 7,000 killed in September.

WEEK-END YACHTING

YEHONALA WINS CRUISER RACE

The 6th Cruiser Championship Series of the Royal Hongkong Yacht Club sailed yesterday resulted as follows:—

DIV. I R CLASS

Finished Corr. Pos. Pts.
Yehonala 14.48.01 14.27.29 1 28
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Norena 14.35.36 14.35.36 3 34
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Evoleme 14.14.28 13.57.13 1 29
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Tyrone 15.59.05 14.44.51 2 36
(Mr. B. Herschend)

U and I 15.55.39 15.07.05 3 12
(Mr. J. B. Collis)

SPRING SERIES

The results of the 4th Spring Series, sailed on Saturday, are as follows:—

"A" CLASS

Finished Pos. Pts.
Joss 16.27.15 1 196
(Major G. E. Neve)

True Blue 16.28.57 2 169
(Miss H. Crawhall-Wilson)

Redshank 16.29.25 3 108
(Capt. J. Krogh-Moe)

La Linda 16.29.46 4 183
(Mr. P. D. A. Chidell)

Gull 16.31.52 5 198
(Major A. O. G. Mills)

Isobel 16.33.35 6 64
(Capt. R. L. Berridge)

Tyrone Chai 16.34.31 7 90
(Mr. B. Herschend)

Arlki 16.35.17 8 11
(Mr. H. W. Browne and H. W. Forsyth)

Artemis 16.35.23 9 195
(Mr. G. G. Wood)

Jean 16.37.44 10 76
(Mr. L. C. Baker)

Koala 16.43.23 11 77
(Mr. W. A. Johnson)

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MIXED CLASS

Finished Corr. Pos. Pts.
Wendy 16.58.25 16.50.07 1 98
(Mr. L. Thomson)

Owl 17.05.17 16.56.59 2 81
(Mr. G. L. Eastgate)

Alisa 16.57.23 16.57.28 3 104
(Capt. W. A. Ingram)

FOREIGN MAILS

HONGKONG, MONDAY, 10th MARCH, 1941, 9.30 A.M.

The public are reminded that it is a breach of postal regulations to enclose in a postal cover communications intended for persons other than the addressee.

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North and East of Kwangtung.

Small Packet Post to all countries is suspended.

INWARD MAILS

From	Due
Straits and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" by Sea from Singapore.	10th Mar.
Holhow	10th Mar.
Air Mail by "Pan-American Airways Direct Service"—San Francisco date, 4th March	11th Mar.
U. S. A. and Honolulu (San Francisco date 21st February).	11th Mar.
Sandakan	12th Mar.
Straits and Air Mail by "British Overseas Airways Service" by Sea from Singapore	13th Mar.
Calcutta and Straits.	14th Mar.
Canton	14th Mar.
United Kingdom and Straits.	15th Mar.
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Calcutta and Straits.	17th Mar.
Rangoon	17th Mar.
Calcutta and Straits	21st Mar.
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Java and Manila.	26th Mar.
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For	Date and Time
MONDAY	Mon. 10th K.P.O.
	Parcels 4.00 PM
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	Ord. 5.30 PM
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	Parcels 4.00 PM
	Reg. 5.00 PM
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Manila, Australia and New Zealand via Thursday Island	Tue. 11th G.P.O. & K.P.O.
	Reg. 10th 5.00 PM
	Ord. 11th 8.30 AM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 10.30 AM
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	Reg. 10.30 AM
	Ord. 11.00 AM
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Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	G.P.O. & K.P.O.
Parcels only for United Kingdom	5.00 PM
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	Ord. 5.30 PM
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	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
	7.00 PM
WEDNESDAY	Wed. 12th
	Par. 11th 5.00 PM
	Let. 12th 8.30 AM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 5.30 PM
	G.P.O.
	Reg. 5.00 PM
	Ord. 7.00 PM
	7.00 PM
Air Mail for Guam, Honolulu, U. S. A., and Europe via "Pan American Airways and Trans-Atlantic Services"	
Canton	
THURSDAY	Thu. 13th
	8.30 AM
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 2.00 PM
	Ord. 2.30 PM
	G.P.O.
	Reg. 2.00 PM
	Ord. 2.30 PM
	3.30 PM
Air Mail by sea to Singapore to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	
Straits, Ceylon, India, East and South Africa	
FRIDAY	Fri. 14th
	K.P.O.
	Reg. 4.00 PM
	Ord. 4.30 PM
	G.P.O.
	Reg. 4.00 PM
	Ord. 4.30 PM
	7.00 PM
Air Mail by Air to Rangoon to connect with the "British Overseas Airways"	
Canton	
SATURDAY	Sat. 15th
	K.P.O.
	Par. 14th 5.00 PM
	Reg. 14th 5.00 PM
	Ord. 16th 8.30 AM
	G.P.O.
	Par. 14th 5.00 PM
	Reg. 14th 5.00 PM
	Ord. 16th 8.30 AM
	8.30 AM
MONDAY	Mon. 17th
	8.30 AM
	3.30 PM

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